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OF THE

STATE OF NEBRASKA.

LINCOLN, NEB., September 4th, 1873.

Special meeting of the State Board of Agriculture was called to meet in the office of the Secretary, at the Douglas House, at 7 p. m., this evening, for the purpose of electing members of the Board, and transacting such other business as might come before the Board.

There were present:

OFFICERS.

Robert W. Furnas, President.
J. Sterling Morton, 1st. Vice President.
J. T. Allan, 2d Vice President.
James W. Moore, Treasurer.
Daniel H. Wheeler, Secretary.

MEMBERS.

O. P. Mason, Nebraska City, Otoe county.

C. H. Winslow, Mt. Pleasant, Cass county.
C. H. Walker, Lowell, Kearney county.
J. W. Hollingshead, Pawnee City, Pawnee county.
Martin Dunham, Omaha, Douglas county.
J. H. Gregg, Nebraska City, Otoe county.
N. W. Wells, Schuyler, Colfax county.
F. A. Tisdel, Jr., Brownville, Nemaha county.
F. M. Dinniny, Tecumseh, Johnson county.
M. Stocking, Eldred, Saunders county.
Jas. M. Wood, Factoryville, Cass county.

Presidents of County Societies, who, by law, are ex-officio members of the State Board of Agriculture.—

And there were present the following:

W. H. B. Stout, Lincoln, Lancaster county.
M. V. Easterday, Tecumseh, Johnson county.
D. S. Lowe, Crete, Saline county.
D. T. Moore, York Centre, York county.

There being a quorum present, the Board was called to order, and President R. W. Furnas stated that he called this special meeting of the Board at this time, for the reason that the President and Vice Presidents were to leave to-morrow, with Nebraska fruit, for Boston, to be exhibited at the meeting of the American Pomological Society Exhibition; that the members of the Board present thought this special meeting had better be held at this time and the regular business transacted.

Vice-President Allan offered the following amendment to the By-Laws of the State Board of Agriculture, which was, on motion, unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Article 2, of the By-Laws of the State Board of Agriculture, be amended so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. The annual election of officers of the Board, shall take place during the annual State Fair, at such time and place as may be designated by the President and Secretary; and the officers then chosen shall hold their several offices for one year and until their successsors are chosen and qualified.

On motion of C. H. Walker, the Board thereupon proceeded to

elect members of the Board, to fill the places of those whose term expires at this time.

The following persons were elected members of the Board for the ensuing two years:

O. P. Mason, Nebraska City, Otoe county.
J. Sterling Morton, Nebraska City, Otoe county.
H. C. Addis, Omaha, Douglas county.
C. H. Winslow, Mt. Pleasant, Cass county.
J. T. Allan, Omaha, Douglas county.
R. W. Furnas, Lincoln, Lancaster county.
J. Vallery, Sr., Plattsmouth, Cass county.
O. H. Irish, Nebraska City, Otoe county.
W. H. Ely, Fremont, Dodge county.
Geo. B. Eaton, Lincoln, Lancaster county.
J. D. Moore, Lincoln, Lancaster county.
R. Daniels, Papillion, Sarpy county.
J. S. Brisbin, Omaha Barracks, Douglas county.
Guy C. Barton, North Platte, Lincoln county.
Silas Garber, Red Cloud, Webster.

On motion of Jas. M. Woods, the Board, thereupon, resolved to proceed to the election of officers, for the ensuing year:

Before proceeding to the election of officers, Gov. Furnas, President of the State Board of Agriculture, really, since its organization, stated that he thanked the Board for the flattering honor they had conferred, by continuing him so long at the head of so useful an organization. He had endeavored to discharge to the best of his ability, and at the individual expense of hundreds of dollars, annually, out of his own pocket; he flattered himself and congratulated the agricultural interests of the State, that the organization was now permanently established as a State institution. Other official duties now, were such that it would be impossible for him, under any circumstances, to consent to remain longer as President of the Board, and he hoped that the members would be fortunate in the selection of one who would do *more* than he had done.

Thereupon proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

J. Sterling Morton, President.

Martin Dunham, 1st Vice President.
C. H. Walker, 2d Vice President.
J. W. Moore, Treasurer.
Daniel H. Wheeler, Secretary.

President Furnas announced the result of the election, whereupon President Morton took the chair and acknowledged the honor by a few appropriate and well-timed remarks:

Submitting of accounts against the Board, being next in order, it was

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed, to whom all accounts should be presented, and by them audited, and, if correct, ordered paid.

Mr. President, thereupon, appointed as such committee, Jas. M. Woods, Martin Dunham and O. H. Irish.

Mr. F. M. Dinniny offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the compensatiom of the Secretary of the Board be fixed at $1500, for the year ending December 31st, 1873,

Which was, on motion, adopted, with but one vote in the negative.

Gen'l J. S. Brisbin offered the following:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to receive propositions from the citizens of Omaha for the holding of the next Annual State Fair, at that place, and if no satisfactory propositions be made by the citizens of Omaha, that the committee receive proposals from other points.

On motion the resolution was adopted and the President appointed J. S. Brisbin, M. Dunham, and H. C. Addis such committee.

Gen. Brisbin, offered the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of the State Board of Agriculture be and the same are hereby extended to Hon. J. Sterling Morton and Matilda Fletcher, for their able and valuable addresses delivered at this State Fair and that the Board request copies of the same for publication, and that the sum of $200 be appropriated to pay the speakers named. One hundred dollars to each.

President Morton thanked the board for the offer of one hun-

dred dollars and respectfully donated the amount voted him to the Board.

The Secretary then stated that he was authorized by T. Butterworth, the editor and proprietor of the Western Agriculturist, published at Quincy, Illinois, to state that the paper would be furnished all members of the Board free upon their sending him their address.

On motion it was,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to revise the by-laws of the Board, with President Morton as chairman.

Vice-President Dunham announcing that J. S. Morton, R. W. Furnas and O. H. Irish would constitute said committee.

The following resolution was then offered and adopted.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board be authorized to publish and distribute 2,000 copies of the address of Hon. J. Sterling Morton and 1,000 copies of the address of Matilda Fletcher.

On motion it was,

Resolved, That the President of the Board appoint such standing committees, as may in his judgment be deemed neeessary and advisable, said committees to consist of members of the Board, and who will be required to be present during the fair to attend to the duties assigned them.

On motion it was,

Resolved, That a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. J. T. Allan, J. S. Morton and O. H. Irish, be appointed to draft appropriate resolutions, expressive of the feelings of the Board for the valuable services of Gov. R. W. Furnas as President of this Board for the many years he has served us, and that the Secretary furnish him a certified copy of the same.

On motion the Board adjourned to meet in January at the call of the President.

J. STERLING MORTON, *President.*

D. H. WHEELER, *Secretary.*

OMAHA, NEBRASKA, January 7th, 1874.
2 O'clock P. M.

The State Board of Agriculture met pursuant to call of the President, at the "Grand Central Hotel." The hour having arrived for convening, the President, J. Sterling Morton, called the Board to order, and stated that the Secretary, Mr. Wheeler, had been detained, but would be present on the arrival of the train. Thereupon, General Brisbin was called upon to address the Board and the citizens present, which he did at some length. When General Brisbin had concluded, Secretary Wheeler, being then present, proceeded to call the roll of members present, and the following persons answered to their names:

James W. Moore, Nebraska City, Otoe county.
Martin Dunham, Omaha, Douglas county.
D. H. Wheeler, Plattsmouth, Cass county.
J. H. Gregg, Nebraska City, Otoe County.
N. W. Wells, Schuyler, Colfax county.
M. Stocking, Eldred, Saunders county.
John Keith, North Bend, Dodge county.
James M. Woods, Nebraska City, Otoe county.
R. W. Furnas, Lincoln, Lancaster county.
J. S. Brisbin, Omaha, Donglas county.
C. H. Winslow, Mt. Pleasant, Cass county.
H. C. Addis, Omaha, Douglas county.
J. Vallery, Sr., Plattsmouth, Cass county.
J. T. Allan, Omaha, Douglas County.
Geo. P. Eaton, Lincoln, Lancaster county.
R. Daniels, Bellevue, Sarpy county.
J. S. Morton, Nebraska City, Otoe county.
O. H. Irish, Nebraska City, Otoe county.

And the Presidents or representatives of the following county societies were in attendance, viz:

W. B. Porter, Rep. Cass county Agricultural Society.
A. K. Marsh, Pres. Clay county Agricultural Society.
C. A. Baldwin, Rep. Douglas county Agricultural society.

C. Rathmann, Pres. Washington county Agricultural society.
J. D. Spearmann, Pres. Sarpy Agricultural society.

The following officers of the Board answered to their names:
J. S. Morton, President.
M. Dunham, 1st Vice President.
C. H. Walker, 2nd Vice President.
J. W. Moore, Treasurer.
D. H. Wheeler, Secretary.

Gov. Furnas, chairman of the committee appointed by the State Horticultural Society, to attend the Quarter Centennial Exhibition of the American Pomological Society at Boston, by request, submitted the following

REPORT.

The delegates appointed at the January meeting, 1873, of the State Horticultural Society to attend the Pomological Exhibition at Boston in September, 1873, report that four of the delegates, viz: Furnas, Morton, Masters and Allan, attended said meeting, and placed on exhibition a *car* load of fruits and evergreens of Nebraska production, consisting of two hundred and thirty seven varieties of apples, forty-nine of pears, twenty five of peaches, fourteen of grapes, three of native plums, and twelve of evergreens. That one hundred and ninety-two varieties of apples were correctly named, as stated, by the awarding committee; twenty-eight varieties were native seedlings, and consequently unknown to the committee, but by them pronounced of excellent characteristics, in every respect, and worthy of future trial. The peaches were all seedlings, and most of them pronounced fine, and many of them worthy of cultivation.

To Nebraska was awarded the FIRST premium for the best collection of apples, and for which was given the society's silver medal herewith presented for exhibition.

For the collection of pears was awarded the society's medal, and honorable mention was made of peaches, plums and grapes.

MEDAL AWARDED IN 1871.

It was generally conceded by the press and visitors, that the collection of fruits exhibited at Boston was the largest ever before shown, and was the wonder and admiration of all who saw and examed them.

After the exhibition, a large collection of apples and pears were taken to New York city, by Mr. W. D. Cowles, and there placed on

exhibition at the American Institute Fair. While not in so good a condition as at Boston, they were universally admired and praised.

The committee feel that the thanks of this Board, and every well-wisher of the State, are especially due the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad Company in Nebraska, and particularly to C. E. Perkins, vice president and general manager, C. F. Morse, superintendent, for their extraordinary efforts in aid of our labors, to show the Nebraska Pomological products at Boston.

A magnificent and commodious car was constructed at Plattsmouth, expressly for the trip, placed at our disposal, and transported from Lincoln to Boston, in four days time, free of any cost to the society. We recommend that a vote of thanks be extended and placed upon the records, and an official copy thereof be transmitted to Messrs. Perkins and Morse, by the Secretary of the Board.

In conclusion, the committee congratulate the junior State upon the second complete and triumphant national success pomologically.

There is now no longer any doubt as to the adaptibility of Nebraska as a fruit growing region. At Boston, there were present, the Pomological veterans of the nation, all of whom were unreserved in

their expressions of commendation to the superiority of the essential characteristics in Nebraska fruits.

[Signed] ROBERT W. FURNAS,
J. STERLING MORTON,
JAMES T. ALLAN,
JAMES H. MASTERS.

The report was accepted and ordered spread upon the records of the Board.

C. A. Baldwin moved that the thanks of this Board be tendered to the Manager and Superintendent of the B. & M. R. R. in Nebraska, for their very liberal action in assisting the State Board of Agriculture, and the State Horticultural Society, in attending the American Pomological Exhibition at Boston in the year 1873, and that the committee who attended said Exhibition, be requested to present appropriate resolutions for that purpose. The motion prevailed unanimously.

Mr. C. H. Winslow offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved. That the Annual Fair of the State Board of Agriculture of Nebraska for the year 1874, be held at the city of Omaha, provided satisfactory assurances are given the Board of Managers as to the arrangements and improvement of the Fair Grounds for the accommodation of the Fair, for accommodation at hotels, and facilities for local transportation of freight and passengers to and from the Fair Grounds.

On motion of Gen. Brisbin, the foregoing resolution was laid on the table, to be taken up as unfinished business, before the Board adjourns.

Gov. Furnas, on behalf of the committee, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, unanimously adopted:

REPORT.

WHEREAS, the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad Company in Nebraska, voluntarily constructed a car, and tendered its use, free, to the Nebraska State Horticultural Society, for the purpose of transporting Nebraska fruits to the American Pomological Exhibition at Boston in 1873, and transported the same free of cost from Lincoln to Boston,

Therefore, Resolved, That the thanks of the State Board of Ag-

riculture are hereby tendered to said railroad company, and particularly to C. E. Perkins, vice president and general manager, and C. F. Morse, superintendent, for the unprecedented enterprise and liberality manifested as referred to in the foregoing preamble.

Resolved, That the preamble and resolutions be spread upon the records of the Board, and that the secretary be, and he is hereby instructed to furnish Messrs. Perkins and Morse, each with an enrolled copy thereof.

[Signed] R. W. FURNAS,
J. H. MASTERS,
J. T. ALLAN,
J. STERLING MORTON.

J. T. Allan moved that a committee be appointed to compile the statistics received from county societies and individuals throughout the State, in response to request of the President and Secretary for the same.

Motion carried.

The special committee appointed at the September meeting, submitted the following report through their chairman, J. T. Allan, which was unanimously adopted, viz:

WHEREAS, Gov. Robert W. Furnas, late President of the State Board of Agriculture, has, at his own request, been relieved from the further performance of official duties, therefore be it

Resolved, That we do hereby tender to him our thanks for the very able manner in which he has discharged his duties as President and member of the Board since its organization.

Resolved, That the remarkable progress which has been made thoughout our commonwealth in the development of our Agricultural resources, is largely due to his untiring and well directed efforts, as, when he entered upon his duties it was a matter of serious doubt whether the movement would or could be successful in so young a State, with a population so scattered and having little community of interest or feeling. Yet the result has far surpassed the most sanguine expectations, of even those who originated the movement, and we but give formal expression to the universal opinion, when we say that the success of our annual expositions, and the impulse given to the various branches of agricultural, manufacturing and mechanical industry so apparent in the improvement of our farms, our horticultural success, the introduction and breeding of valuable stocks, and

the development of our manufacturing advantages, is due in a great measure to the earnest and enthusiastic manner in which Gov. Furnas has devoted his time, money and personal labors to the advancement of these material interests of the State.

[Singned by] JAMES T. ALLAN,
O. H. IRISH,
J. STERLING MORTON,
Committee.

Mr. Winslow submitted several amendments to the by-laws which were on motion referred to the board of managers, and committee on by-laws.

The Secretary submitted to the Board the resignation of Judge O. P. Mason, as one of the Board, which resignation was on motion accepted, and on motion of James W. Moore, Hon. J. F. Kinney was elected to fill the vacancy with but two dissenting votes.

On motion the Board took a recess until 7 o'clock p. m.

JANUARY 7, 1874, 7 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

President Morton in the chair and Secretary Wheeler at his desk.

President Morton announced the following committees upon premium list, and the same persons are to act as superintendent of the several classes to which they have been designated, viz.:

Board of Managers—M. Stocking, chairman, H. P. Coolidge, M. Dunham, C. H. Winslow, James T. Allan.

Of Police—M. Dunham, J. T. Allan and H. C. Addis.

Of Horses—Geo. P. Eaton, J. F. Kinney and J. S. Brisbin.

Of Cattle—J. M. Woods, R. Daniels and Guy C. Barton.

Of Hogs—Moses Stocking, W. B. Porter and J. D. Spearman.

Of Sheep—Moses Stocking, M. Dunham and C. A. Baldwin.

Of Poultry—C. H. Winslow, H. C. Addis, and C. Rathmann.

Of Agricultural Products—N. W. Wells, J. Vallery, Sr., J. H. Gregg.

Of Hedges, Groves, Orchards, etc.—R. W. Furnas, O. H. Irish, and J. T. Allan.

Of Machinery, Implements, etc.—H. C. Addis, John Keith and A. K. Marsh.

Of Miscellaneous—O. H. Irish, J. W. Moon, and Charles H. Walker.

Of Fine Arts and Textile Fabrics—J. S. Brisbin, M. Dunham, and O. H. Irish.

Of County Agricultural Societies—C. H. Walker, W. B. Por and C. Rathmann.

Of Geological, Zoological, and Botanical—J. S. Brisbin, J. T. Allan and R. W. Furnas.

Of Edibles—C. H. Winslow, N. W. Wells, and C. H. Walker.

Of Discretionray—J. W. Holt, F. A. Tisdel, and G. C. Barton

General Superintendent—Charles H. Byrne.

On the the announcement of the committees by the President, General Brisbin requested that his name be left off, and submitted the following as the reason, therefor, viz.:

ROOMS OF THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE,
GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL, OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 7, 1874.

J. Sterling Morton, President State Board of Agriculture:

SIR :—I have the honor to tender herewith my resiginition as a member of the State Board of Agriculture.

Very respectfully, Your ob't serv't,

JAS. S. BRISBIN,
U. S. Army.

It was moved that the resignation be accepted, on which the Ayes and Nays were called, and with the following result:

Ayes: James M. Woods.

Nays: D. H. Wheeler, J. W. Moore, M. Dunham, J. H. Gregg, N. W. Wells, M. Stocking, John Keith, R. W. Furnas, C. H. Winslow, H. C. Addis, J. Vallery, Sr., J. T. Allan, Geo. P. Eaton, R. Daniels, J. S. Morton, O. H. Irish, C. Rathmann, C. A. Baldwin, J. D. Spearman.

Thereupon, the President declared the resignation not accepted.

General Brisbin thereupon said, that, as the Board had refused to accept the resignation tendered, he would endeavor to discharge the duties required of him as a member of the Board.

On motion, the Board adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, January 8th, 1874.

JANUARY 8th, 1874, 9 A. M.

State Board of Agriculture met, pursuant to adjournment; officers and members as of yesterday.

General Brisbin called up the question of salary of Secretary.

James M. Woods, of Cass county, thereupon, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary be allowed the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars for his services for the year 1874, and that the Board pay such assistant secretaries as he may need during the holding of the fair.

Mr. Geo. P. Eaton offered the following as an amendment to Mr. Woods' resolution:

Strike out "Eight Hundred," and insert "One Thousand,"

and that the Board "furnish the necessary assistant Secretaries during the fair, and pay them not exceeding four dollars per day."

The Ayes and Nays were called upon the amendment offered by Mr. Eaton, and resulted as follows:

Ayes: J. W. Moore, N. W. Wells, John Keith, R. W. Furnas, J. S. Brisbin: C. H. Winslow, H. C. Addis, Geo. P. Eaton, R. Daniels, O. H. Irish, A. K. Marsh, C. A. Baldwin, C. Rathmann. —13.

Nays: Martin Dunham, J. H. Gregg, Moses Stocking, James M. Woods, Jacob Vallery, Sr., James T. Allan, J. Sterling Morton, Wm. B. Porter, J. D. Spearman.—9.

So the amendment was declared, by the President, to have been adopted.

The Resolution of James M. Woods, as amended, would, therefore, be as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary be allowed One Thousand Dollars for his services, for 1874, and that the Board furnish the necessary assistant Secretaries, during the fair, and pay them not exceeding four dollars per day.

On the motion to adopt, the Ayes and Nays being called, resulted as follows:

Ayes: J. W. Moore, N. W. Wells, John Keith, R. W. Furnas, J. S. Brisbin, C. H. Winslow, H. C. Addis, Geo. P. Eaton, R. Daniels, O. H. Irish, A. K. Marsh, C. A. Baldwin, C. Rathmann, M. Dunham; J. H. Gregg, Moses Stocking, Jacob Vallery, Sr., James T. Allan, J. Sterling Morton and Wm. B. Porter. Total, 20.

Nays: James M. Woods, J. D. Spearman. Total, 2.

Thereupon, the President declared the Resolution as amended, by Mr. Eaton, adopted by the Board.

C. A. Baldwin offered the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the State Board of Agriculture be directed to prepare and publish a report of the Agricultural and Horticultural Statistics of Nebraska for the year 1873, and, for that purpose, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, be appropriated from any funds belonging to said Society, to pay for publishing 2000 copies of said statistical report.

On motion, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

President Morton announced that in Michigan and some others of the States, it was usual and customary for railroads who issued commutation tickets to State Fairs, to pay the State Boards of Agriculture, for the benefit of the Fair, five per cent. of the ticket receipts of each of the railroads, and thereupon appointed as a committee to confer with the railroads on the subject, Messrs. R. W. Furnas, J. W. Moore and D. H. Wheeler, which appointment was approved by the Board.

On motion of Governor Furnas, President J. S. Morton was made chairman of the Committee to confer with the railroads.

M. Stocking moved that the Annual Fair for 1874, be held commencing September 29th.

Motion lost.

M. Dunham moved that the President and Secretary be and they are hereby authorized to designate the time for holding the Annual Fair for 1874.

Carried.

O. H. Walker offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Second Wednesday of April of each year be, and the same is hereby designated, dedicated and set apart as *Arbor Day*, for the State of Nebraska, and that the Agriculturists of Nebraska, be requested to petition the Legislature to make said "Arbor Day" a legal holiday; that until so made a holiday, the Governor be requested to call attention to said "Arbor Day" by proclamation, and request the people of the State to observe it by planting Forest, Fruit and Ornamental Trees.

J. M. Woods offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That J. Sterling Morton, Gen'l J. S. Brisbin and D. H. Wheeler, be, and they are hereby appointed a special committee, upon the behalf of the State Board of Agriculture, to memorialize the Legislature of Nebraska, to place the State Board of Imigration under the charge and control of the State Agricultural Board.

The following resolution, laid upon the table yesterday, was

called up by Gen'l Brisbin, and upon motion, was unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Annual Fair of the State Board of Agriculture of Nebraska for 1874 be held at Omaha City, Nebraska, provided satisfactory assurances are given the Board of Managers as to the arrangements and improvements of the Fair Grounds, for the accommodation of the Fair, for accommodation at hotels, and facilities for local transportation of freight and passengers to and from the Fair Grounds.

C. H. Winslow offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the annual address before the State Board of Agriculture for 1874, be delivered on Wednesday evening of the Fair week, in some suitable hall in the city of Omaha

C. H. Winslow offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the members of the State Board of Agriculture not in attendance upon the January meeting (1874) of the Board, be requested by the Secretary to resign their membership, or give some valid excuse for not being present, so that the Board may fill the vacancies with members who will attend, and become active members in the Board.

On motion of Mr. Allan, Mr. Boyd and J. M. Wood were called upon to give statistics relative to the number of hogs purchased and slaughtered by them respectively.

Thereupon, Mr. J. E. Boyd and J. M. Woods, gave a statistical account of their operations.

Mr. Woods, chairman of the committee upon accounts, submitted the following

REPORT:

Your committee appointed to audit the accounts to be paid by the Treasurer for the year 1873, beg leave to report, that fifty-two accounts have been audited and approved, amounting to———— Two accounts for near three thousand dollars were presented by the Lincoln *Journal* Company for printing the fourth annual reports of the President and Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture. We

are not apprised of any action being taken by this Board in regard to ordering the printing of the same; these accounts were consequently not approved.

An account, No. 39, for $441.75, for lithographs, which, as we understand, was an additional expense incurred by said Journal Company in printing said reports, over and above the two named accounts presented. This was allowed upon the condition that in a final settlement of these accounts with the State, or State Board of Agriculture, the same was to be deducted from the two accounts, first named, if on investigation it should be ascertained they were not properly authorized. We have not been able to ascertain who ordered this additional expense, and by what authority it was incurred.

Your committee find more irregularity in the printing accounts presented than any other class. Some being reasonable and just, while a majority for the same labor are extravagantly high. We would, therefore, recommend that all printing of a general character be let to the lowest bidder. Such a course certainly would, from information now in possession of your committee, greatly reduce the expenses of the printing necessary to be done by this Board.

JAMES M. WOODS.

On motion, the committee were requested to make a report on all accounts as soon as passed upon, to the Secretary, and further time was granted the committee to make said report.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock P. M.

JANUARY 8TH, 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The State Board of Agriculture met pursuant to adjournment, with officers and members as before.

On motion, Mr. Geo. P. Eaton, was appointed a special committee of *one* to examine and report to the Board the Journal Company claims against the State Board of Agriculture.

Mr. Dunham moved that the committee upon Essays, Gov. R. W. Furnas, Judge Geo. B. Lake and Senator P. W. Hitchcock, be and they are hereby requested to report their awards to Secretary D. H. Wheeler, at the earliest possible moment, and that President Morton be requested to see that the lands awarded by the committee be properly conveyed to the successful competitors.

Motion carried.

D. H. Wheeler, Secretary, thereupon submitted report in champion class, as follows:

Entry 4, lot 2—Collection of Evergreens, $20.00, Furnas, Irish & Co.

Entry 5, lot 2—Specimen Nebraska grown fruit trees, $10.00, Furnas, Irish & Co.

Entry 7, lot 2—One year grown honey locust, $5.00, Furnas, Irish & Co.

Entry 8, lot 2—Exhibition Nebraska grown nursery stock, $10.00, Furnas, Irish & Co.

Entry 2, lot 2—Cheapest and most successfully planted orchard of not less than 1000 trees, planted within 5 years, $15.00, O. T. Conger.

Entry 15, lot 1—10 acres of corn, $50.00, M. M. Nelson.

Entry 23, lot 4—Greatest number of trees planted on any one day in April, 1873, $75.00, J. B. Seucal.

Entry 1, lot 5—Best one acre of sugar beets, $50.00, W. Hunt.

Entry 17, lot 5—Best 1-10 acre of sugar beets, $10.00, Azro Smith.

Entry 20, lot 2—Forty rods hedge, $15.00, Elwood Reese.

D. H. WHEELER,
C. H. WALKER, } Committee.
J. T. ALLAN,

On motion, the thanks of the State Board of Agriculture were tendered to Geo. W. Thrall, proprietor of the Grand Central Hotel, for his courteous attention to the Board of Agriculture during the present session.

Mr. J. W. Moore moved, that the thanks of the State Board of Agriculture be, and they are hereby extended to the Burlington &

Missouri River Railroad in Nebraska, the Union Pacific Railroad, the Omaha & Northwestern Railroad, and the Midland Pacific Railroad, for courtesies extended to members of the State Board of Agriculture at this session of the Board.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Mr. C. H. Winslow moved that the thanks of the State Board of Agriculture be, and the same are hereby tendered the Omaha *Herald*, and Omaha *Republican*, for the very full and correct reports of the proceedings of the Board, at this session.

Motion unanimously adopted.

By Mr. Winslow:

Resolved, That the charge for admission to Fair for 1874, the offering of inducements to farmers to attend with their teams, during the Fair, and all matters relating thereto, be referred to the Board of Managers.

Carried.

Mr. Emery, of Douglas, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Board of Managers, viz:

Resolved, That all thoroughbred stock shall be entitled to all the privileges and accommodations of the Fair Grounds whether entered to compete for premiums or not.

On motion, the Board adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

J. STERLING MORTON, *President*.

D. H. WHEELER, *Secretary*.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE
NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF AGRICTLTURE,
PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., January 24, 1874.

The following report was this day received from majority of committee upon Essays:

To the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture:

The Committee to whom was referred the duty of examining the Essays on Nebraska, "Her Natural Advantages and Resources," and awarding the 16 Premiums has performed that duty, and submit the following

REPORT:

No. of Prem....	Am't of Acres..	Value per Acre	To Whom Awarded.	No. of Entry.....	Value of Land...
1	40	$16	J. A. MacMurphy,.....	36	$640
2	40	15	J. S. Brisbin, ...	10	600
3	40	14	James Morris,.....	31	560
4	40	13	J. C. Ambrose, ...	35	520
5	40	12	A. D. Williams,.....	51	480
6	40	11	"Aaron About,".....	38	440
7	40	10	F. M. MacDonagh,.....	34	400
8	40	9	O T. B. Williams,.....	62	360
9	40	8	C. S. Harrison, ...	38	320
10	40	7	H. M. VanArman,.....	19	280
11	40	6	Dr. F. Renner, ...	33	240
12	40	5	Geo. V. Kent, ...	18	200
13	40	4	Helen McGowen,.....	28	160
14	40	3	B. M. Brake,.....	64	120
15	40	2 50	Miss E. Clarke,.....	24	100
16	40	1 25	N. H. Hemiup,.....	8	50

The Committee experienced great difficulty in arriving at conclusions satisfactory even to themselves. There were 64 entries for 16 premiums, all being confined to the same text. The competitive articles were necessarily similar in leading characteristics, hence a difficulty in deciding upon the merits of the several papers.

ROBERT W. FURNAS,
GEO. B. LAKE. } Com.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 21st, 1874.

D. H. WHEELER, Sec. of Board.

OMAHA, Neb., GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL,
OCTOBER 2, 1874, 8 O'CLOCK P. M.

The State Board of Agriculture of Nebraska met pursuant to a call of the President and Secretary at the Grand Central Hotel, and there were present—

J. Sterling Morton, President.
C. H. Walker, 2d Vice-President.
M. Dunham, 1st Vice-President.
James W. Moore, Treasurer.
D. H. Wheeler, Secretary.

MEMBERS.

J. H. Gregg, Nebraska City, Otoe county.
N. W. Wells, Schuyler, Colfax county.
M. Stocking, Eldred, Saunders county.
H. P. Coolidge, Columbus, Platte county.
J. M. Woods, Nebraska City, Otoe county.
R. W. Furnas, Lincoln, Lancaster county.
J. S. Brisbin, Omaha, Douglas county.
H. C. Addis, Omaha, Douglas county.
J. Vallery, Sr., Plattsmouth, Cass county.
J. T. Allen, Omaha, Douglas county.
J. C. Barton, North Platte, Lincoln county.
C. H. Winslow, Mt. Pleasant, Cass county.

PRESIDENTS OF COUNTY SOCIETIES.

J. P. Peck, Omaha, Douglas county.
Isaac Gibson, Tekama, Burt county.
J. D. Spearmen, Papillion, Sarpy county.
Horace Allen, Clarksville, Merrick county.
Chris Rathmann, Ft. Calhoun, Washington county.

President Morton stated that Special Policeman G. E. Beach, of Nebraska City, had arrested a person in the act of picking pockets on the grounds, and had the pick pocket lodged in the county jail, and that he being a poor man, could not attend the trial unless his expenses were paid, whereupon

Gov. Furnas moved that the Treasurer be and he is hereby instructed to pay the necessary expenses of Mr. Beach, and request him to attend the District Court, and the Secretary draw an order on the Treasurer for the amount of the same. Carried.

An account and report from the State Journal Company for $3,073.59 was presented, which is as follows:

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 19, 1874.

State Board of Agriculture, State of Nebraska,

To STATE JOURNAL CO. DR.

June 30, To 4,900 4th Annual Reports, - - - -	$6,073 59	
Aug. 21, By State Warrants, - - - - - - -	3,000	
	$3,073 59	

LINCOLN, September 19, 1874.

The within account is correct, the work done and the reports received.

D. H. WHEELER, Secretary
State Board of Agriculture.

The work for which this bill is presented was done by order, and the volume received by the State Board of Agriculture while I was president. The within bill is correct.

ROBT. W. FURNAS.

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 28, 1874.

To the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture:

GENTLEMEN:—Your committee to whom was assigned the duty of examing into the printing accounts of the State Journal Company, beg leave to report as follows;

I have examined the accounts of the said Company for work done for the State Board of Agriculture, and find that in connection with printing and publishing the last annual report of this Board, they have done work to the amount of six thousand five hundred and fifteen (6,515.09) dollars and nine cents; that $6,073.59 of this amount was for printing, binding, etc., of the report proper, and that $441.45 of the amount was for lithograph of the State University, printing and putting into the report 90,000 views of Nebraska scenery, the plates for which were furnished by the B. & M. R. R. Co., and for which no charge was made by the State Journal Co. I also find that the prices charged for the work are just and reasonable. I also find that $3,000 of the amount has been paid by the State, as per appropriation made at the last session of the Legislature, and that the $441.45 for the University cut, views, etc., has been paid, and that the proper credit has been given for said amounts upon the books of said company, leaving a balance of three thousand seventy three ($3,073.59) dollars and fifty-nine cents still due said company. I further find, upon examination, that it was understood by

the State Journal Company and by the President and Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, that the work as desired by the board officers, would far exceed the amount of the appropriation made by the Legislature, and that the officers of the Board instructed said company to proceed with the work as desired, stating that certain sums of money, appropriated for the use of the Board, that could be used in the payment of the amount in excess of the Legislative appropriation, and that the Board would pay whatever sum the work amounted to in excess of the $3,000 Legislative appropriation. I also find that the said company proceeded in good faith upon the representations to print a much larger volume, and a much greater number of copies than they otherwise would have done. I also find that the work was done by the direction of the officers of the Board, and in such manner and style as to be fully satisfactory to them, and has been received by them.

In conclusion, allow me to say, that from all the information I have been able to gather, I am of the opinion that the State Board of Agriculture is fully indebted to the State Journal Company in the sum of Three Thousand and Seventy-three ($3,073.59) dollars and fifty-nine cents, and that the same should be paid.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. P. EATON.

SEPTEMBER 28, 1874.

To the State Board of Agriculture, State of Nebraska:

Your committee appointed to audit the accounts to be paid by the Treasurer for the year 1873, beg leave to report that 91 accounts have been presented and approved, amounting to four thousand nine hundred and twenty-one dollars and 14 cents. Two accounts, for near three thousand dollars, were presented by the Lincoln Journal Company for printing the reports of the fourth annual report of the State Board of Agriculture. We are not aware of any action being taken by this board with regard to ordering the printing of the same. These accounts were consequently not approved by this committee, an account, No. 39, for four hundred and forty-one dollars and 75 cents for lithographs, which, as we understand, was an additional expense incurred by said Journal Company in printing said reports over and above the two named accounts presented, were allowed upon the condition that in a final settlement of these accounts with the State Board of Agriculture the same was to be deducted from the first two named bills. We have not been able to ascertain who ordered this additional expense, or by what authority it was incurred.

Your committee find more irregularity in the printing accounts presented than any other class; some being reasonable and just, while a

majority for the same labor performed are unreasonably high. We would therefore recommend that all printing of a general character be let to the lowest bidder. Such a course would certainly, from information now in possession of your committee, greatly reduce the expenses of the printing necessary to be done by the board.

Hereunto attached will be found number of accounts presented to be audited with the amount of each account:

JAMES W. WOODS, Chairman.
M. DUNHAM.

NO.	AM'T.	NO.	AM'T.	NO.	AM'T.
1	1 06	32	50	63	13 00
2	13 70	33	12 45	64	1 00
3	2 75	34	604 00	65	2 45
4	5 00	35	7 84	66	20 00
5	2 00	36	48 50	67	2 25
6	2 50	37	3 27	68	3 00
7	120 29	38	38 25	69	8 00
8	8 00	39	441 75	70	4 50
9	30 71	40	22 10	71	100 00
10	4 00	41	2 00	72	6 00
11	2 15	42	9 70	73	81 70
12	40	43	6 60	74	200 00
13	13 50	44	60	74½	10 00
14	6 78	45	36 00	75	526 00
15	3 40	46	2 00	75½	120 00
16	2 00	47	2 25	76	15 00
17	66 70	48	78 22	77	101 00
18	2 55	49	15 00	78	90 00
19	157 25	50	6 60	79	1 25
20	15 30	51	177 00	80	16 00
21	4 00	52	12 00	81	40 00
22	11 25	52½	15 00	82	8 75
23	5 00	53	5 82	83	23 15
24	5 00	54	7 00	84	5 00
25	15 60	56	6 40	85	22 00
26	3 00	57	100 00	86	8 00
27	50 00	58	246 00	87	61 60
28	12 50	59	12 00	88	12 00
29	60 00	60	48 00	89	22 00
30	15 96	61	7 56	90	14 00
31	33 00	62	6 00	91	4 00

Mr C. H. Winslow moved that the account be indefinitely postponed.

General Brisbin offered as a substitute for Mr. Winslow's motion, the following, which was accepted by Mr. Winslow and adopted by the board:

"*Rosolved* That a committee of five be appointed by the President of the State Board of Agriculture to lay before the Legislature of Nebraska at its next session all the facts connected with the printing of the State Agricultural Report of 1872, and ask a sufficient appropriation to pay $3,073.50 balance due *State Journal* Company for printing said report."

The President apppointed as such committee:

Hon Guy C Barton, chairman, Gov. R. W. Furnas, C. H. Winslow, George P. Eaton, Silas Garber.

The folllowing communication was received from J. H. Painter, Editor of the *Nebraska Patron:*

To the President and Board of Agriculture of Nebraska:

GENTLEMEN:—Having witnessed in your Annual Exposition as fine stock as I have ever witnessed before, I make through you a proposition to the owners of said stock to-wit: Any one sending me the pedigree of their stock with the engraving representing it, I will publish it free in the *Nebraska Patron,* an agricultural paper circulating throughout every county in this State, and in several other States, said engraving and pedigree, and any remarks the owner of said stock may desire. We have in Lincoln now an expert engraver who can furnish the engraving, from a photgraph or drawing, of any animal for about eight dollars, and the publication is free to all.

Most Respectfully,

J. H. PAINTER,

October 2d, 1874. Editor *Nebraska Patron.*

Gov. R. W. Furnas moved that the State Fair of 1875 be held at Omaha. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Dunham moved that a vote of thanks of the Board be extended to John T. Edgar for his valuable services as General Superintendent of the Fair in 1874. Carried unanimously.

J. T. Allan stated that Mr. Edgar had refused to receive any compensation for his services as Superintendent, and it was thereupon

moved, and unanimously carried, that the Board of Managers be and they are hereby instructed to purchase a "gold headed cane" of value equal to his services, and have the same properly engraved, and presented to John T Edgar, with the thanks of the Board, as an acknowledgment of the Board for the valuable services rendered by him during the present Fair; and the President and Secretary were instructed to draw an order on the Treasurer in payment for the same.

Mr. Woods moved that the Board of Managers be requested and required to present bills of disbursements made by them in the discharge of their duties as Managers, for the past year, and that the President and Secretary be and they are hereby instructed to draw orders on the Treasurer for the payment of said accounts.

On motion the Board proceeded to the election of Members of the Board to fill the places of members whose term expires at this time.

Thereupon, the following named persons were elected members of the Board for two years, viz.:

D. H. Wheeler, Plattsmouth, Cass county.
M. Dunham, Omaha, Douglas county.
J. W. Moore, Nebraska City, Otoe county.
E. N. Grenell, Ft. Calhoun, Washington county.
Horace Allen, Clarksville, Merrick county.
C. Mathewson, Norfolk, Madison county.
Wm. Latta, Tekama, Burt county.
G. C. Potwin, Papillion, Sarpy county.
N. W. Wells, Schuyler, Colfax county.
H. P. Coolidge, Columbus, Platte county.
C. C. Van, Niobrara, L'Eau-qui Court county.
M. Stocking, Wahoo, Saunders county.
C. H. Walker, Bloomington, Franklin county.
J. M. Woods, Syracuse, Otoe county:

Thereupon, upon motion the following members of the Board were elected to fill vacancies caused by the non-attendance of members elected at the September meeting, 1873, viz.: N. S. Belden, of North Bend, Dodge connty, was elected to fill place of W. H. Ely, John H. Mickay, of Osceola, Polk county, to fill place of J. D. Moore, of

Lancaster county, and J. H. Gregg to fill place of J. F. Kinney, of Otoe county.

The Board being now full, thereupon proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows, viz.:

J. Sterling Morton was elected President by acclamation.

M. Dunham was elected 1st Vice-President by acclamation.

C. H. Walker was elected 2d Vice-President by acclamation.

James M. Woods nominated James T. Allen for Secretary, and H. P. Coolidge nominated D. H. Wheeler for secretary.

The president thereupon appointed C. H. Winslow and J. Vallery, Sr., of Cass county for tellers, and thereupon a ballot was had, which resulted in

Fourteen votes for D. H. Wheeler,
Eight votes for J. T. Allan,
One vote blank.

D. H. Wheeler, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Secretary for the ensuing year.

James W. Moore was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Gov. Furnas offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed on Premium List, whose duty it shall be to prepare and report to the Board at its coming January meeting a list of premiums to be awarded at the next annual Fair. Carried.

The President appointed as such committee Messrs. Furnas, Mathewson, Wells, Spearman and Wheeler.

On motion it was ordered that the police bills be paid when presented approved by M. Dunham, superintendent of police.

General Brisbin offered the following:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the President to receive and audit the bills of the State Board of Agriculture, contracted from October 5, 1873, to October 5, 1874, and that the committee be instructed to make and publish an itemized report of the same in two daily papers at Omaha. Adopted.

The President appointed as such committee Messrs. Dunham, J. T. Allan and Winslow.

Gen. Brisbin presented the following:

OMAHA, Neb., October 2, 1874.

J. Sterling Morton, President State Board of Agriculture:

SIR:—I have the honor to tender herewith my resignition as

member of the State Board of Agriculture of the State of Nebraska, Very Respectfully, Your ob't serv't,

JAMES S. BRISBIN,
U. S. Army.

On motion the consideration of the resignation of Gen. Brisbin was indefinitely postponed by a unanimous vote.

M. Dunham moved that the president be authorized to pay the traveling and hotel expenses of Prof. A. L. Perry, and that the president procure the printing of the usual number of copies of the address for distribution. The thanks of the board were tendered Prof. A. L. Perry for his address.

J. Sterling Morton tendered his resignition as President of the State Board of Agriculture, to take effect January 1, 1875.

On motion the consideration of same was postponed until the January meeting, 1875. M. DUNHAM, V. P.

Attest:—D. H. WHEELER, Secretary.

LINCOLN, NEB, January 21st, 1875,
SUPREME COURT ROOM, 3 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Nebraska State Board of Agriculture met pursuant to call of the President, made in accordance with the laws of Nebraska, and there were present, Messrs. M. Dunham, 1st vice president, D. H. Wheeler, secretary, James W. Moore, treasurer, H. C. Addis, R. W. Furnas, E. N. Grenell, C. Mathewson, John H. Mickay, J. Vallery, Sr., N. W. Wells, J. S. Brisbin, J. T. Allan, G. C. Barton, and the following Presidents of county societies: C. Mathewson, Madison county, J. D. Spearman, Sarpy county, ——Brown, Seward county, H. C. Dawson, Jefferson county.

Messrs. C. A. Baldwin, secretary of the Douglas County Agricultural Society, and W. D. Wildman, secretary Red Willow County Agricultural Society, were invited to seats, and to participate in the discussions of the Board at this meeting.

Secretary Wheeler presented the following communication:

PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA, Dec. 31st, 1874.

HON. J. STERLING MORTON,

President Nebraska State Board of Agriculture:

DEAR SIR:—In accordance with the laws of the State of Nebraska, requiring the State Board of Agriculture to make a biennial report to the Legislature of the State, embracing the proceedings of the several subordinate societies. I herewith submit the report of the proceedings of the State Board of Agriculture for the year 1874, embracing the proceedings of the Board at the January meeting, 1874, the list of premiums offered by the Board, the awards made by the committees at the Annual Fair, the proceedings of the meeting of the Board, held during the Fair, together with an itemized and detailed statement of orders drawn upon the Treasurer of the Board.

I think it would be advisable for the Board to ask the Legislature to enact a law, requiring the assessors of the several precincts, cities and wards to collect statistics, relating to the various industries of the State, at the same time they take the lists of property for taxation. These returns should be made to the county clerk at the same time the assessment lists are returned, and should then be tabularized by precincts, cities and wards, and be, by the county clerks, returned to the Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture. The State Board could then publish as a part of their proceedings, detailed statements by counties of the industries of the State, together with such other statistics as may be collated from the returns of the county clerks, and other reliable sources.

The Secretary of the Board should also collect, arrange and publish, from time to time, in such manner and form as the Board may deem to be for the best interests of the State, such statistical and other information, as those seeking homes in the West, may require to enable them to intelligently judge of our advantages and improvements. To also provide for delivering a synopsis of the same to immigrant aid societies, railroad companies, real estate agencies, and others interested in the settlement and development of the State; also, to make arrangements for suitable packages and cases for inspection in the Agricultural Rooms, samples of agricultural products, geological and other specimens which the assessors should be required to collect and

forward, under the direction of the county clerk. If this was done, it would in a very short time, enable the Board to furnish full, complete and reliable information relative to every part of our State.

The laws of the State should be so amended that the county societies organized under the State law, failing to make the annual report as contemplated and required under the present law, and rules of Board of Agriculture, should be prohibited from receiving aid from their county treasuries, until they can show an acknowledgment from the Secretary of the State Board that such report has been made and filed in the Secretary's office.

To induce the assessors to perform the duties required of them, in collecting the statistics heretofore named, and the county clerks for their services, a reasonable compensation should be paid by the several counties.

The Treasurer's exhibit will clearly show that the people of the State are, each year, taking hold with increased energy in assisting to develope the agricultural interests of the State. The receipts at the State Fair, this year, were for the first time since the organization of the Board, sufficient to pay all the premiums and obligations legitimately contracted by the Board, and still leave a handsome balance in the hands of the Treasurer at the close of the year.

Should we be as successful next year as we have been the present in this respect, then I shall deem it advisable to increase the list of premiums offered, and increase the number of biennial agricultural reports, to be published and distributed. Thus far the receipts of the State Board from its annual fairs, and from the State Treasury, have been insufficient to pay premiums and expenses of Fair and to enable the Board to publish the number of its biennial reports to supply the constantly increasing demand for them. I therefore deem it advisable to ask the Legislature to continue the same aid given the Board for the past two years, until such time as in the judgment of the Board, they may be able to meet all these expenses from fair receipts.

Respectfully,

D. H. WHEELER, *Secretary.*

The foregoing communication was made by the Secretary to the

President of the Board, was read by the Secretary before the Board, and on motion, was approved by the Board.

On motion, the communication of the Secretary was referred to a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Furnas, Moore and Brisbin, with instructions to memoralize the Legislatuce on the subject.

On motion, it was moved and unanimously adopted, that the committee appointed heretofore at the October, 1874, meeting of the Board, to-wit: Hon. G. C. Barton, Ex-Gov. R. W. Furnas, C. H. Winslow, G. P. Eaton and Gov. S. Garber, be instructed to ask the Legislature to appropriate to the Board a sum necessary to liquidate the sum of $3,073.59 and interest, to pay the balance due for printing the fourth biennial report of the State Board of Agriculture.

Mr. Barton offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to pay James W. Moore for his services as Treasurer for the year 1874.

On motion, the resolution was unanimously adopted, and the Secretary instructed to draw an order on the Treasury for the amount so appropriated.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet in the Supreme Court Room at 8½ o'clock, A. M. to-morrow.

[The following members of the Board were unable to attend on account of sickness—H. P. Coolidge, C. H. Winslow, H. Allan, M. Stocking, C. H. Walker.]

SUPREME COURT ROOM,
January 22d, 1874, 8½ o'clock A. M.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Officers and members as of yesterday.

Premium list reported by the committee appointed at the October meeting, received and unanimously adopted.

Gov. Furnas moved, and it was carried, that the board offer a premium of $500 for long wool, and $500 for short wool sheep, to be awarded for the largest and best flocks, each of pure blood sheep, which shall be brought into and be owned in the State from and after January 1st, 1875. Said premiums to be awarded at the winter meeting in 1878. And thereupon Messrs Furnas, Mathewson, and Grenell were appointed a committtee to prepare and report the proper rules to be observed by competitors in competing for the above premiums.

The committee on champion class 7, 1874, awarded the regular premium of $40 offered by the Board, and the special premium offered by Messrs Keefer & Lindsey, of Lincoln, for the best ten (10) acres of corn grown in Nebraska in the year 1874, to J. F. Starkey, of Ft Calhoun, Washington county, Nebraska, the corn yielding 83 bushels per acre.

Gen. Brisbin tendered his resignation as a member of the State Board of Agriculture, which was upon motion not accepted, and the communication was laid upon the table.

Upon motion consideration of the resignation of J. Sterling Morotn as President of the Board was indefinitely postponed.

Thereupon, the Board proceeded to appoint the following officers for the ensuing Fair:

Board of Managers:—Martin Dunham, C. Mathewson, James W. Moore, J. T. Allan and C. H. Winslow.

General Superintendent—J. T. Edgar, Omaha.

Assistant Superintendent—E. A. Allen, Omaha.

Superintendent of Gates & Tickets—Guy C. Barton, North Platte

Superintendent of Police—Chris Hartman, Omaha.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet at Room 4, Commercial Hotel, to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, January 23d, 9 A. M.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, and there were present M. Dunham, Vice President; Jas. W. Moore, Treasurer; D. H. Wheeler, Secretary; R W Furnas, H. C. Addis, J. Vallery Sr., C. Mathewson, and E. Grenell, Members of the Board.

A quorum being present, the board proceeded and selected the following Superintendents of Classes and Awarding Committees.

Class 1—Horses—Superintendent E. N. Grenell, Ft. Calhoun

Lots 1 and 4—committee: J. A. Tisdale, Brownville; A. H. Baker, Omaha; P. G. Barnes, Madison.

Lots 2 and 3—W. W. Marsh, Omaha; J G. Miller, Ashland; George Clothier, Columbus.

Lots 5 and 6—C. A. Holmes, Tecumseh; George Canfield, Wisner; Ed. Buttry, Plattsmouth.

Lot 7—J. P. Peck, Omaha; Horace Monroe, Nebraska City; L. R. Moore, Kearney Junction.

Lot 8—William Payne, Nebraska City; Moses Hotelling, Ft. Calhoun; C. H. Walker, Bloomington.

Class 2—Cattle—Supt. Allen Gerrard, Columbus.

Lot 1—Gov. R. W. Furnas, Brownville; Cov. D. Butler, Pawnee City; Hon. L. W. Tubbs, Emerson, Iowa.

Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10—G. C. Barnum, Columbus; Frank Coyle, Clarksville; John B. Bennett, Nebraska City.

Lots 11 and 12—George D. Remick, Pawnee City; E. D. Webster, North Platte; Chris. Rathmann, Ft. Calhoun.

Class 3—Sheep—Supt. Elias Sage, Plattsmouth.

Lots 1 and 2, Long Wools—J. D. Spearman, Sarpy Centre, S. Cochran, Brownville; W. H. Russell, Ft. Calhoun.

Lots 3 and 4, Middle Wools—W. D. Thomas, Fremont; A. K. Marsh, Sutton; —— Bragg, Lincoln.

Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8, Short Wools and Fat Sheep—A. S. Paddock, Beatrice; William Wheeler, Glenwood, Iowa; R. Daniels, Gilmore.

Class 4—Swine—Supt. Prof. S. R. Thompson, Lincoln.

Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4—A. D. Williams, Kenesaw; George Behm, Omaha; Jos. Gilmore, Plattsmouth.

Lots 5 and 6, sweepstakes—V. C. Utley, Syracuse; John Tiedgen, Battle Creek; H. B. Nickodemus, Fremont.

Class 5—Poultry—Supt. H. J. Rohwer, Ft. Calhoun; S. R. Thompson, Lincoln; E. Estabrook, Omaha; James Dailey, Norfolk.

Class 6—Farm Products—Supt. J. T. Hoile, Rulo, Nebraska.

Lots 1 and 2—Lewis Ley, Stanton; M. S. Cottrell, North Bend; W. D. Nichols, Beatrice.

Lot 3—S. R. Hays, Norfolk; Mrs. Bishop Clarkson, Omaha; Mrs. E. S. Hawley, Nebraska City; Mrs. Elias Sage, Plattsmouth, Mrs. John Miller, Papillion; Mrs. A. S. Thompson.

Class 7—Champion—Supt. Gov. R. W. Furnas, Brownville; W. W. Abby, Salem; J. T. Allan, Omaha; Joseph Mathewson, Norfolk.

Class 8—Mechanic Arts—Supt. H. C. Addis, Omaha.

Lot 1— —— Leighton, Omaha; E. S. Hawley, Nebraska City; Jas. Hough, North Bend.

Lot 2—H. Leepin, Hastings; Dr. Thompson, Rulo; A. P. Pilger, Norfolk.

Lot 4—W. E. Hill, Nebraska City; H. M. Boyd, Rulo; J. H. Butler, Omaha.

Lot 4—John Cameron, Omaha; John N. Chase, Papillion; —— Noble, Clarksville.

Lots 5, 6, and 7—J. E. Sheppard, Omaha; Henry Howland, Plattsmouth; J. S. Dunham, Clarksville.

Class 9—Fine Arts—Supt. M. G. McKoon, Omaha; Mrs. Robert Teare, Brownville; Mrs. W. T. Calloway, Columbus; Mrs. D. H. Wheeler, Plattsmouth; Mrs. J. G. Megeath, Omaha; Mrs. E. D. Caufield, Decatur.

Class 10—Textile Fabrics—Supt. John Evans, Omaha; John

Morrell, Omaha; H. C. Walsh, Lincoln; Mrs. J. J. Imhoff, Lincoln; Mrs. W. H. Morris, Crete; Mrs. Seth P. Moberly, Grand Island.

Class 11—Natural History—Supt. Rev. Kerr, Prof. Aughey, Lincoln; —— Hungerford, York Centre. Prof. Beals, Omaha.

Class 15—Equestrianship—Supt. A. G. Hastings, Lincoln; H. W. Parker, Beatrice; Dr. J. P. Peck, Omaha; Mrs. Gen'l Brisbin, Omaha; Mrs. J. Sterling Morton, Nebraska City; Mrs. Hinman Rhodes, Beatrice.

Class 12—Agricultural Societies—Supt. H. O. Minick, Brownville; W. H. Lowe, Norfolk; A. D. Buckworth, Hastings; Gen'l A. H. Connor, Kearney Junction.

Class 13—Essays—Committee, S. R. Thompson, Lincoln; A. D. Williams, Kenesaw; W. Rich, Brownville.

Class 14—Speed—Supt. Maj. Chambers, Omaha. Committee, Chas. F. Stewart, Brownville; C. H. Parmelee, Plattsmouth; Horace Monroe, Nebraska City.

Class 16—Discretionary—Supt. Elam Clark, Ft. Calhoun; C. F. Catlin; Omaha; Geo. B. Moore, Brownville; John J. Russell, Plattsmouth.

On motion, it was directed that M. Dunham, chairman of the Board of Managers, should receive bids for printing the premium list, and make the award designating who was to print the same, and the Secretary was to then secure the requisite number of the same, and superintend the whole of the printing for the Board, except the printing of tickets, which was placed in charge of the President.

Mr. Moore moved that the Secretary be paid $1000 salary for the year 1875, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Moore moved that the President of the Board have the exclusive and sole charge of issuing complimentaries for the society for the year 1875, which motion was rejected by nearly an unanimous vote.

On motion, Mr. Wheeler, Secretary, was appointed a committee of one to memoralize the Legislature to enact a law giving the police

on the fair grounds, and the officers of the society, the authority to arrest all who commit offences against the laws of the State, or the rules and regulations of the State Board of Agriculture, while on the grounds under the control of the State Board of Agriculture.

On motion of Mr. Mathewson, the question of awards on soap made to Messrs. Powell & Co., and Morrell & Ramsey, was disposed of by awarding the premiums as follows:

Class 11, lot 2—Best collection of soaps, 1st premium, $2.00, to Morrell & Ramsey, Omaha.

Class 11, lot 2—By recommendation of the committee, an error having been mede by Mr. Powell in making entry of soap, a premium of $2.00 was awarded for samples of bar and toilet soap to Powell & Co., Omaha.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet subject to call of the President.

M. DUNHAM, Vice President.

Attest: D. H. WHEELER, Secretary.

LINCOLN, NEB., January 26th, 1876.

In accordance with the order of the President, and notice given by the Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture to the members of the Board, the State Board of Agriculture of Nebraska convened at this place, and there were present, Officers and members, as follows:

Officers—M. Dunham, 1st Vice President, Omaha; J. W. Moore, Treasurer, Nebraska City; D. H. Wheeler, Secretary, Plattsmouth.

Members—H. C. Addis, Omaha; J. T. Allan, Omaha; J. F. Kinney, Nebraska City; C. H. Winslow, Mt. Pleasant; C. Mathewson, Norfolk, J. M. Woods, Nebraska City; J. Vallery Sr., Plattsmouth; N. S. Belden, North Bend; R. Daniels, Gilmore; Moses Stocking, Wahoo; Adam Rankin, Cozad. And the following

named persons, Presidents of County Agricultural Societies, who by law are made *ex-officio* members of the State Board of Agriculture:

Jacob Vallery Sr., Cass County Agricultural Society.
C. W. Lyman, Gage " " " "
C. Mathewson, Madison " " " "
J. M. Woods, Otoe " " " "
Ed. McIntyre, Seward " " " "
D. T. Drake, Saline " " " "

The President, Hon. J. Sterling Morton, being absent, the Board was called to order by Martin Dunham, 1st Vice President, and the roll being called, and a constitutional and lawful quorum being present, the Board proceeded to business.

James W. Moore stated the cause of the absence of the President, and thereupon presented and read before the Board the valedictory address of the President, as follows:

Gentlemen of the State Board of Agriculture of Nebraska:

After a service of nearly a score of years, as a member of your useful and honorable association, I now with great reluctance and regret sever my connections with you in all official capacity. This step is taken because I can no longer appropriate the time to the duties which are involved by a membership of the Board, without doing injustice to my own affairs, and neglecting the afternoon work of a life now more than half used up. It may not be inappropriate to allude to the history of our organization somewhat at length, and to the successes which have attended its existence:

The first Fair at which all Nebraska was represented was called the Territorial Fair, and was held at Nebraska City, September 1859. The exposition of products was limited. Some corn, a few specimens of small grain, half a dozen swine, a few Devonshire cattle, owned by Gov. Furnas, a trio of Durhams, and a few fine horses, made up all the farm products and farm animal show of that day. Horticulture rejoiced in less than a half peck of all sorts of fruit, and the address upon the occasion was proportioned to the exhibition. But we were never discouraged, and each subsequent fair has been in some way a reason for its successor. One at Nebraska City, two at Brownville, two at Lincoln, and two at Omaha have demonstrated perfectly that he who owns and judiciously tills Nebraska lands may amass for him-

self a comfortable competency, and leave to his children a valuable inheritence.

How shall he begin? First the original sod should be broken and turned over in thin, evenly-laid strips. When completed a good breaking will appear like a vast floor of well-laid two-inch plank painted with lamp-black. Then plant and cultivate, not to see *how much* you can manage, but *how well.* Then come trees; walnuts, cottonwoods, willows, mulberries, and elms, will make the home seem civilized. Tree-planting is an avocation which barbarians never follow. Indians never adorn their wigwams with orchards, nor indulge in floriculture. There is no record of an aboriginal horticulturist in any book I have read or heard of anywhere. It may seem a long time to raise a saw-log from the walnut which lies in the palm of your hand, but the rain and the frost of winter, and the sunshine of summer, together with the fertile and forcing soil of Nebraska, crowd a walnut into the dimensions of a respectable saw-log in less than twenty-five years. Upon a farm where I have lived, in Otoe county, for more than twenty years, one may see black walnut trees which will make good railroad ties, and some which will do to saw up, which I planted with my own hands. There too are apple trees more than forty inches in circumference of trunk, which have borne more than twenty bushels of fruit in a single season. And, again, there may be found cottonwood saw-logs growing there which are more than six feet in girth, and when I first saw them they were only wandering germs, floating in the air like down from a bird's breast. But they are adult saw-logs in 1876. These remarks, somewhat egotistical though they may be, are made for the purpose merely of impressing you, and through you the farming people with the tree possibilities of this State, and I only preach in this regard what I have faithfully put in practice, and the witnesses of the truth of my theories stand majestically verifying me, all over the farm, whence this is written to you, in the form of beautiful, thrifty and valuable fruit and forest trees. Come down and see them, and in the hot summer days while you rest in their shade, even their foliage will tell you in whispering with the wind, how pleasant and profitable a thing it is to plant the prairie with trees.

But, gentlemen, it was not my intention to bore you with an

exhortation on orcharding, nor yet to exhaust your paitence with a prayer for forest culture.

CORN IS KING.

The botanical name of Indian corn is *zea mays*, and is derived from the Greek word *zao*, to live, while the word *mays* is said to be from the Livonic *mayse*, which means bread, or the staff of life.

Therefore, from the earliest times, by virtue of the definition of its name, this cereal has stood pre-eminent among the life-sustaining products of agriculture, and yet corn, the method of its tillage, and the manner of making profits therefrom, is generally unappreciated, and under-valued by the farmers of America.

In 1860 there were 3,381,583 farmers in the United States, while in 1875 the census shows that five-tenths of the entire population of the Union are engaged in agricultural pursuits. Out of all this vast number those who raise no corn at all are very few. Subjoined are the returns of Indian corn as given in the census tables for the last four decades:

For 1840, ...	377,431,874	Bushels.
" 1850, . . .	592,071,104	"
" 1860, ...	838,792,740	"
" 1870, . . .	1,258,189,110	"

The ratio of corn exported as corn is less than one per cent of the whole crop. The profitable results of corn culture are found in beef, pork, mutton, butter and cheese. These articles are merely corn compacted made more portable and enhanced in value.

Nebraska is peculiarly adapted to the growing of this cereal, its soil and its climate unite in making it surpassless as a corn producing State. This fact is conceded so universally, and the evidence of its existence is piled up so high and broad, *in corn cribs*, throughout the whole length and breadth of the commonwealth, that no argument is needed to sustain it. Standing in front of this fact, and the less pleasing one that the average price per bushel in the State is less than twenty cents in January, 1876, the Nebraska farmer must necessarily do some thinking as to his future operations. He may be discouraged. But if he will reason well for himself, he will find encouragement in the very fact of low-priced corn. There is no Eastern State which can compete with Nebraska in raising cheap corn.

There is no other grain which will make as much beef or pork for each bushel fed out as will corn, and beef and pork being always at a fair price, by virtue of demand being always fully equal to supply, the conclusion is irresistably forced upon the farmers of this State that their prosperity must be based upon corn culture and feeding cattle and hogs. They cannot compete in wheat growing with Minnesota and Northern Wisconsin, nor with Michigan, nor can either of those States race with them in feeding corn to make beef and pork. A horse sired and foaled by a stock which has been famous for trotting for a score of generations, cannot be made to succeed as a racing pacer, nor can a corn country be beaten into nor harrowed into a wheat country. Apples will grow here and oranges flourish in Florida, and he who comes hither to cultivate the orange or goes to Florida to grow apples is an ignorant neophyte in horticulture. But the mistake would hardly be greater than the one made by those farmers in Nebraska who endeavor to grow wheat in competition with States which cannot raise corn, and are therefore compelled by the condition of the soil and climate to produce wheat. Every man should educate himself to do those useful things which nature seems to have given him some tact or ability to do. And so every State should attempt those industries which nature has adapted to its climate, soil and general conditions. Western Nebraska is peculiarly pastoral in its character. It is not agricultural. There vast herds of cattle, horses and sheep may be grown on the nutritious and abundant grasses of the prairies which afford perenial pasturage which makes stock thrive in winter as well as in summer. There a steer may be raised to the age of four years at a cost of just four dollars. Western Nebraska is a beef nursery. Eastern Nebraska should be and by nature is, a beef perfecting establishment. We do not desire to raise wheat to export, nor corn either. We need only enough of the former for home consumption, and we cannot gather any year too much of the latter, (if we have cattle and swine to consume it) for our own good.

After some investigation, I have from various reliable data and statistics gathered the following table which, it is said, will show very nearly, the prices which a farmer will realize for corn fed to

well graded cattle when the product in beef of the latter is at the price given there:

RATIO OF CORN TO BEEF.	PRICE OF BEEF.	CORN PER BUSHEL.
Five pounds of corn producing one pound of beef.	5 cents	$ 0.84
	7 cents	1.01
Five pounds of corn producing one pound of beef.	5 cents	$ 0.93
	7 cents	1.15

Now a farmer can produce corn in Nebraska at twenty-five cents a bushel, and sell beef at five cents a pound which he makes by feeding out that corn at four pounds of the latter to one of the former, and thus he can certainly prosper and grow rich. There is no need of complaint, and there will be no complaint when Nebraska farmers have graded cattle enough to consume their corn. But says one, we have not the cattle nor the means of obtaining them, and this in many instances is too true. There are however few farmers who can not get a start in swine, and, therefore I give you a table showing what corn will bring when fed to well-bred hogs:

RATIO OF PORK TO CORN.	PRICE OF PORK.	PRICE REALIZED FOR CORN PR. BUSH.
Four pounds of corn making one of pork.	5 cents	$ 0.86
	6 cents	1.00
	7 cents	1.14
Three pounds producing one of pork.	5 cents	1.09
	6 cents	1.28
	7 cents	1.47

Therefore, the farmer who converts even thirty-cent corn into pork by feeding three pounds for one, is obtaining pork at less than two cents per pound. The market for beef and pork is constantly growing. It is as big as the world, and the demand is co-equal with the hunger of all the civilized stomachs on the habitable globe. Nebraska with seventy-five thousand square miles of pastoral and tillable land, ought to produce at least, with her present sparse population, two beeves to each square mile, for export, and five fat hogs. This would make 150,000 of the former and 375,000 of the latter for shipment in the year 1877. But another will object to feeding swine because he has none, and declare he cannot afford to purchase or raise them. Then to him the

MUTTON QUESTION

is presented. Corn will make good fat mutton, and good mutton al-

ways commands a good price. According to Mr. Sanford Howard: "It has been proved that a given quantity of meat can be produced from the sheep at as little, and in some cases less expense, than from any other animal, and so far as ascertained, the meat is fully equal in nutricious qualities to any other. Here then we have from the sheep at least an equal amount of meat, as compared with any other animal, for the food consumed, while we obtain the fleece as clear gain."

To those who wish detailed information, and from a more practical and experienced source, on the mutton question, the waiter commends Moses Stocking, of Saunders county, and Alex. Baker, of Douglas county, as entirely reliable and wholly unimpeachable authority. Those gentlemen can give you facts and figures on mutton feeding which will convince the discouraged corn grower who declares because of his poverty that he can get neither cattle nor swine to eat up his corn, that there is still a chance for him to make both food and raiment out of that corn by feeding it to sheep, which can be delivered any where in the State at from $1.50 to $2.25 per head, from Missouri.

THE LANDS OF NEBRASKA,

whence such corn crops as fifty to seventy-five bushels average yield per acre can be taken with little labor and little chance of failure year in and year out, are still held at nominal figures. There is hardly an eighty acre tract of raw prairie for sale in the State which, with skillful tillage and judicious management of the matured and garnered crop, cannot be made to pay its owner more than its entire cost, the price being reasonable, in two years. Many lands purchased at from from five to ten dollars an acre from the Union Pacific and the Burlington & Missouri River Railroads, and from private parties also, have refunded in a single crop their entire cost, and left a balance of cash on hand as profit to the buyer over and above the land itself. The prices of land in Nebraska to-day are very far below real values. The demonstration of their fertility has been completed in nearly every organized county from the L'eau Qui Court on the North, to the lower Nemaha on the South, and from the Missouri on the East to the Loup Fork and Blue Rivers on the West. To sow and reap, to plant and garner is now no matter of uncertainty in Nebraska more than in Iowa, Missouri, Illinois or Ohio.

The strong arm of diligent industry directed by the study and thought of a cultivated brain will give results in Nebraska corn culture which no man now dare estimate. The limit of production to the acre, of corn, is as yet unknown. Authenticated cases of extraordinary yield are numerous; from among them, the following are noticeable: the Bruce Brothers in Des Moines county, Iowa, some seasons since, gathered a hundred and seventeen and a half bushels to the acre.

Mr. Wright, near Auburn, N. Y., for three successive seasons, cribbed more than one hundred bushels average to the acre.

Mr. Pratt, of Madison county, N, Y., produced by planting in drills, one hundred and seventy bushels to the acre.

Major Williams, of Bourbon county, Ky., by planting in rows two feet apart, with the stalks twelve inches apart in the row, got one hundred and sixty bushels to the acre.

Marion county, Iowa, in 1860 produced on the farm Mr. B. Long one hundred and seventy-eight bushels of corn to the acre on three contiguous acres.

Dr. J. W. Parker, of Columbia, South Carolina, produced from a single acre *two hundred bushels and twelve quarts of shelled corn.*

Thus far the largest average crops in this State have been produced in Otoe and Cass counties. Premiums were awarded to them, but neither of them, if my memory serves me correctly, reached one hundred and seventy bushels per acre. This grain being the staple cereal of Nebraska, you can hardly offer too many or too great inducements for its systematic and improved cultivation. To get as much corn from one acre as possible is better than to get half a crop from two acres. In Nebraska the productive power of the soil will, certainly, with careful tillage, make an average yield of seventy-five bushels of corn to the acre all over the State. We cannot raise too much corn. No matter what corn may be worth as corn in the market, It may be worth five cents or nothing at all as corn. But transmuted to beef, pork, or mutton, it will always pay the husbandman a handsome and satisfactory return. This should be, and must be, if it will grow prosperous, a stock-feeding State. Wheat growing for exportation will not pay. It wears out the soil;

the men who till it, and the reputation of the State; the first by taking up and taking away part of its productive power each year; the second by hard work and fretting over poor compensation; and the last by the pronounced and unyielding poverty of its citizens.

Instead of an insane blacksmith hammering cold iron in the middle of a wheat field, miles from forge and fire, the coat of arms for Nebraska might better be emblazoned with a corn field, a cattle corral, a hog pen and a sheep fold. These depict the foundation of tht State's development and material prosperity.

Add to the above industries an annual awakening in each succeeding April which, upon Arbor Day, shall result in planting out more trees, both for fruit and for timber, and there can be no doubt but that at the next centennial Nebraska will be the first *meat producing* member of the Union, and likewise the *best timbered* State in America.

By some misunderstanding the valuable address delivered at the State Eair, in Omaha last fall by the Hon. Moses Stocking has never been furnished for publication. Let me ask your honorable body to secure a copy of the same, and publish and circulate it at an early day.

Hoping often to see you personally, and assuring you of my continued interest in and devotion to the noble avocations which you represent and are organized to advance and enlighten.

I remain, gentlemen, Very Faithfully Yours,

J. STERLING MORTON, President.

ARBOR LODGE, Otoe county, Neb., Jan. 19th, 1876.

N. B.—In the tables showing price received for corn fed to cattle and hogs, when the latter are at fixed prices, set forth in tables, credit is given for manure and the enrichment of land therefrom.

The Secretary, D. H. Wheeler, thereupon submitted the following detailed statement of orders drawn upon the Treasurer of the Board for the year ending December 31st, 1875:

STATEMENT,

Showing number, amount, and to whom orders have been issued since January 1st, 1875:

January 23,	James W. Moore,	No. 1, account,	$160 00

January 23,	D. H. Wheeler,	" 2,	salary,	250 00
"	D. H. Wheeler,	" 3,	postage,	75 00
March 10,	Western Union Telegraph,	" 4,	postage,	2 20
12,	J. F. Starkey,	" 5,	premium,	32 00
" 22,	Bailey & Co.,	" 6,	account,	35 60
April 1,	Miller & Richardson,	" 7,	"	10 00
"	Omaha Republican,	" 8,	"	10 00
"	G. R. McCallum,	" 9,	"	10 00
"	M. Dunham,	" 10,	"	12 00
"	J. C. Mailer,	" 11	"	11 00
"	James Stephenson,	" 12,	"	26 50
13	D. H. Wheeler,	" 13,	salary,	250 00
June 10,	" "	" 14,	"	250 00
July 5,	St. A. D. Balcombe,	" 15,	account,	250 00
"	Sam. Burns,	" 16,	"	2 50
21,	Omaha Republican,	" 17,	"	101 00
Aug. 27,	Henry Gibson,	" 18,	"	139 25
"	J. W. Marshall,	" 19,	"	75 00
Sept. 25,	Franklin Co. Agr'l Society,	" 20,	premium,	20 00
"	Horace Allen,	" 21,	"	12 00
"	Chris. Hartman,	" 22,	police,	310 00
"	W. B. Wheaton,	" 23,	pools,	157 23
"	B. F. Trapp,	" 24,	account,	22 00
"	Jas. C. Mailer,	" 25,	"	30 00
"	Henry Gibson,	" 26,	"	19 00
"	B. C. Holly,	" 27,	premium,	100 00
"	R. T. Kneebs,	" 28,	"	200 00
"	J. S. McKeller,	" 29,	"	700 00
"	J. G. Lindell,	" 30,	"	125 00
"	R. T. Krebbs,	" 31,	"	16 00
"	Mrs. S. B. Parks,	" 32,	"	20 00
"	" E. D. Canfield,	" 33,	"	16 00
"	John Dynes,	" 34,	"	8 00
"	" "	" 35,	"	4 00
"	M. W. Lynch,	" 36,	"	125 00
"	W. J. Hesser,	" 37,	"	33 30
"	J. T. Griffin,	" 38,	"	28 00
"	Mrs. E. D. Canfield,	" 39,	"	3 20

Sept. 25,	E. A. Allen,	No. 40,	police,	60 75
"	Mrs. Nellie Burke,	" 41,	premium,	12 00
"	Sec'y and Treas. services,	" 42,	account,	168 00
27,	J. A. Poland,	" 43,	premium,	12 00
"	A. H. Baker,	" 44,	"	24 00
"	E. F. Tennery,	" 45,	"	24 00
"	Kate Tennery,	" 46,	"	4 80
"	Jesse Lowe,	" 47,	"	4 80
"	G. P. Brown,	" 48,	"	12 80
"	L. F. Maginn,	" 49,	"	8 00
"	A Hospe jr .& Co,	" 50,	"	8 00
"	G. W. Field,	" 51,	"	44 00
"	A. J. Simpson,	" 52,	"	4 00
"	Mrs. C. Hartman,	" 53,	"	21 20
"	A. C. Funk,	" 54,	"	44 00
"	Charles Cole,	" 55,	"	42 00
"	Mrs. G. A. McCoy,	" 56,	"	29 00
"	" "	" 57,	"	2 40
"	J. T. Clarke,	" 58,	"	275 00
"	Mrs. G. Stevenson,	" 59,	"	4 80
"	John Pray,	" 60,	account,	9 75
"	Joseph Hensman,	" 61,	premium,	16 00
"	Miss Alice Carlton,	" 62,	"	2 40
"	C. F. McLane,	" 63,	"	52 00
"	F. Edwards,	" 64,	"	12 00
"	Albert Nast,	" 65,	account,	2 50
"	Clark & Warden,	" 66,	"	75 50
"	E. L. Patrick,	" 67,	premium,	27 20
"	M. C. Hamilton,	" 68,	account,	8 75
"	Mrs. E. E. Redfield,	" 69,	premium,	7 20
"	P. H. Allen,	" 70,	account,	1 00
"	Woodworth & Sterricker,	" 71,	"	40 00
"	Kimball & White,	" 72,	"	28 88
"	J. O. Dearborn,	" 73,	premium,	44 00
"	J. W. Tousley,	" 74,	"	22 40
"	Thos. Meldrum,	" 75,	"	8 00
"	J. P. Peck,	" 76,	"	28 00

Sept. 27,	———————	No. 77,	premium,	00	00
"	J. T. Griffin,	" 78,	"	8	00
"	Miss M. P. Griffin,	" 79,	"	3	20
"	" E. C. Griffin.	" 80,	"	1	66
"	Lawrence Bruner;	" 81,	"	28	00
"	Mrs. J. McMahon,	" 82,	"	4	00
"	Louis Sable,	" 83,	"	8	00
"	Mrs. Jane Miller,	" 84,	"		80
"	Miss M. M. Williams,	" 85,	"		80
"	D. P. Barrett,	" 86,	"	1	60
"	Chris Nevis,	" 87,	"	8	00
"	R. Daniels,	" 88,	"	101	60
"	T. E. Gladhill,	" 89,	"	4	00
"	R. C. Moore,	" 90,	"	8	00
"	Ella Hascall,	" 91,	"	3	20
"	Elmira Hardy,	" 92,	"		80
"	Belle Allan,	" 93,	"	1	80
"	Jessie C. Allan,	" 94,	"	1	80
"	Mollie P. Allen,	" 95,	"		90
"	Mollie P Allen,	" 96,	"	1	80
"	Jennie M. Allen,	" 97,	"	17	60
"	A. B. Keene,	" 98,	"	10	00
"	Mary Palmer,	" 99,	"	2	40
"	Mrs. M. A. Folger,	" 100,	"	18	40
"	D. H. Wheeler,	" 101,	salary,	250	00
"	J. & J. A. Creighton,	" 102,	premium,	184	00
"	Shugart, Lininger & Weis,	" 103,	"	8	00
"	Mrs. R. B. Kimball,	" 103½,	"	1	60
"	American Express Company,	" 104,	account,	47	50
"	George T. Hoagland,	" 105,	"	8	64
"	George W. Homan,	" 106,	"	9	00
"	E. L. Eaton,	" 107,	"	8	00
"	J. W. Moore,	" 108,	"	31	60
Sept. 28,	E. T. Duke & Co.,	" 109,	account,	9	00
"	W. A. Day,	" 110,	"	80	00
"	H. G. Newcomb.	" 111,	"	5	40
"	N. I. D. Solomon.	" 112,	"	14	10

Sept. 28,	W. F. Sweezy,	No. 113, account,	4 00
"	H. J. Litchfield,	" 114, premium	32 00
"	A. Cruickshank,	" 115, account	6 00
"	M. Rogers,	" 116, "	1 50
"	Kutz & Allen,	" 117, "	2 00
"	M. Hotaling,	" 118, premium,	16 00
"	A. Anderson,	" 119, "	36 00
"	I. H. Anderson,	" 120, "	8 00
"	P. H. Allen,	" 121, "	1 60
"	J. A. Morrow,	" 122, "	8 00
"	Vick's premium,	" 123, "	——
"	Mrs. J. M. Adair,	" 124, "	80
"	" "	" 125, "	80
"	Mrs. C. Burnham,	" 126. "	3 20
"	D. C. Bond,	" 127, "	3 20
"	S. C. Bassett,	" 128, "	3 20
"	Mrs. W. R. Bartlett,	" 129, "	4 00
"	Mrs. Barghausen,	" 130, "	2 40
"	Miss Annie Burnham,	" 131, "	2 40
"	Mrs. P. C. Chapman,	" 132, "	5 20
"	N. Campbell,	" 133, "	10 40
"	" "	" 134, "	40 00
"	C. Hartman,	" 135, account	30 00
"	J. S. Morton,	" 136, "	30 96
"	Asbury Collins,	" 137, premium	6 40
"	F. E. Currier,	" 138, "	1 60
"	Hiram Craig,	" 139, "	36 00
"	Mrs. M. E. Craig,	" 140, "	1 60
"	Davenport Business College,	" 141, "	3 20
"	I. O. Dearborn,	" 142, "	8 00
"	E. C. Erfling,	" 143, "	90
"	Maggie McDowell,	" 144, "	1 60
"	W. Eaton,	" 145, "	1 60
"	M. J. Feenan,	" 146, "	80
"	A. Gramlich,	" 147, "	22 40
"	Mrs. J. B. Richardson,	" 148, "	2 40
"	Roland Hall,	" 149, "	80 00

Sept. 28,	Abel Hogeboom,	No. 150.	"	40 00
"	E. P. Hoyt,	" 151,	"	7 20
"	Mrs. C. W. Henderson,	" 152,	"	1 60
"	John Hazzard,	" 153,	"	1 60
"	——— ——— destroyed.	" 154,	———	———
"	J. K. Ish,	" 155,	premium	50 00
"	L. S. Estell,	" 156,	account	4 00
"	M Cumins,	" 157,	"	4 00
"	C. F. Catlin,	" 158,	"	23 60
"	B. & M. R. R.	" 159,	"	1 30
"	J. W. Marshall,	" 160,	"	48 80
"	Nebraska Herald,	" 161,	"	38 50
"	Omaha Republican,	" 162,	"	40 00
"	Irwin & Ellis,	" 163,	"	28 00
"	Samuel Jewett,	" 164,	premium	120 00
"	E. W. Jackson,	" 165.	"	36 00
"	J. R. King,	" 166,	"	2 40
"	Geo. Thrall,	" 167,	account	108 95
"	D. Hazzard,	" 168,	"	4 00
"	O. M. Express,	" 169,	"	4 00
"	J. H. Brackin,	" 170,	"	1 90
"	H. Thomas,	" 171,	"	4 00
29,	W. Kessler,	" 172,	premium	1 60
"	A. W. Morgan,	" 173,	"	60 00
"	John T. Miller,	" 174,	"	8 00
"	L. A. Moore,	" 175,	"	15 30
"	H. L. McMurphy, (Vick prem)	" 176,	"	
"	John H. Miller,	" 177,	"	4 00
"	J. B. Murphy,	" 178,	"	140 00
"	Mrs. M. G. McKoon,	" 179,	"	4 80
"	W. F. Marsh,	" 180,		4 00
"	G. Nevis,	" 181,	"	8 00
"	Wm. Orr & Son,	" 182,	"	36 00
"	Orr & Thomas,	" 183,	"	44 00
"	Jno. L. Polen,	" 184,	"	3 20
"	Mrs. A. Pratt,	" 185,	"	3 20
"	M. L. Pratt,	" 186,	"	16 00

Sept. 28,	Howard Pailer,	No. 187,	Premium,	8 00
"	Mrs. M. Powell,	" 188,	"	80
"	Wm. Query,	" 189,	"	20 00
"	Geo. Richardson,	" 190,	"	6 40
"	G. R. Rathburn,	" 191,	"	2 40
"	H. J. Rohwer,	" 192,	"	2 40
"	J. D. Spearman,	" 193,	"	76 00
"	W. B. Sexton,	" 194,	"	20 00
"	B. E. Swift,	" 195,	"	20 90
"	Azro Smith,	" 196,	"	51 20
"	Strahn, Evans & Co.,	" 197,	"	60 00
"	E. L. Sidner,	" 198,	"	50 00
"	Mrs. Stevens,	" 199,	"	2 40
"	Mrs. B. Spurlock,	" 200,	"	60
"	J. S. Stuart,	" 201,	"	20 00
"	Mrs. J. W. Tew,	" 202,	"	1 60
"	Jacob Vallery, Sr.,	" 203,	"	8 00
"	I. Van Sickle,	" 204,	"	3 20
"	C. L. Wood,	" 205,	"	4 00
"	A. A. Woolcott,	" 206,	"	56 00
"	J. E. Wigman,	" 207,	"	80
"	Mrs. M. V. Wilson,	" 208,	"	2 40
"	Washington Ag. Society,	" 209,	"	16 00
"	L. M. Wright,	" 210,	"	8 00
"	Ed. cMGaugh,	" 211,	"	8 00
"	E. P. Child,	" 212,	account	6 00
"	Stephens & Wilcox,	" 213,	"	50
"	Miller & Richardson,	" 214,	"	61 05
"	Mrs. A. Raftsman,	" 215,	"	1 60
	TOTAL, - - - -			$7,598 23

Thereupon, J. W. Moore, Treasurer, submitted the following detailed statement of money paid out of the Treasury of the Board for the year 1875:

JAMES W. MOORE, Treasurer,
In acc't with the STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE,

DEBTOR.

Jan. 1, 1875.	To balance on hand, - - -	$4,321 89
Sept. 24, 1875.	To Gate Receipts during Fair, - -	3,461 00
" "	To am't from U. P. Coupon Tickets, -	52 50
" "	" " B. & M. Coupon tickets -	129 50
" "	" " Booth rent, - -	1,034 00
" "	" " Speed entrys, - - -	975 00
" "	" " Stall rent, - - - -	133 00
" "	" " Qr. stretch badges, -	45 00
	TOTAL, - - - -	$10,151 89

CREDIT.

1785.	By paid premium order 1873, - - -	$20 00
"	By paid orders 1874, - - - -	37 40
"	" " 1875, - - - -	7,598 23
Jan. 1, 1876.	By cash on hand, - - - - -	2,496 26
	TOTAL, - - - -	$10,151 89

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES W. MOORE, Treasurer

LINCOLN, Nebraska, January 26, 1876.

Judge Kinney moved that the report of the Secretary and Treasurer be received and referred to the finance and auditing committee, which motion was unanimously adopted.

The journal of the last meeting of the Board, September, 1875, was read and approved by the Board and signed by the Secretary and acting President.

Col. Mathewson moved that the Board do now proceed to fill vacancies in the Board, and to elect members in place of those whose term of office expires with this meeting of the Board, which motion

was adopted, and the following named gentlemen were elected members of the Board for two years, viz:

Adam Rankin, Cozad, Dawson county.
John F. Kinney, Nebraska City, Otoe county.
G. W. E. Dorsey, Fremont, Dodge county.
A. D. Williams, Kenesaw, Adams county.
D. T. Drake, Crete, Saline county.
C. W. Lyman, Beatrice, Gage county.
N. S. Belden, North Bend, Dodge county.
J. Vallery, Sr., Plattsmouth, Cass county.
Edward McIntyre, Seward, Seward county.
H. C. Addis, Omaha, Douglas county.
C. H. Winslow, Mt. Pleasant, Cass county.
A. G. Hastings, Lincoln, Lancaster county.
Ira W. La Munion, North Platte, Lincoln county.
J. T. Allan, Omaha, Douglas county.
R. Daniels, Gilmore, Sarpy county.

And the following named gentlemen were elected for one year, as follows.

Samuel Holman, St. Paul, Howard county, was elected in place of C. C. Van, absent; W. T. Dodge, Osceola, Polk county, was elected for one year in place of Wm. Latta, absent; and Frank Parcel, Fremont, Dodge county, was elected for one year in place of G. C. Potwin, absent.

On motion the Board proceeded to election of Officers of the Board for the ensuing year, which election resulted as follows, viz:

Moses Stocking, Wahoo, President.
J. F. Kinney, Nebraska City, 1st Vice President.
C. Mathewson, Norfolk, 2nd Vice President.
James W. Moore, Nebraska City, Treasurer.
D. H. Wheeler, Plattsmouth, Secretary.

The President thereupon appointed the following Board of Managers for the ensuing year, viz:

A. G. Hastings, C. Mathewson, H. C. Addis, C. H. Winslow, J. F. Kinney.

Which appointments were confirmed by a vote of the Board.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to collate and publish

two thousand copies of the journal of the proceedings of the Board, from the date of proceedings published in the 4th Agricultural Report of 1873, to the present time and to include therein the Secretary's report and Treasurer's balances, as made and shown by reports submitted at this meeting of the Board and to have bound with the said journal of proceedings 1,000 copies of the address of Hon. Moses Stocking, delivered at the last State Fair.

On motion of Mr. Dunham, the Secretary was instructed to advertise or correspond and invite bids for the printing of the Premium List of 1876, and the journal of proceedings as ordered published by this Board, and request that sealed bids be sent to A. G. Hastings, at Lincoln prior to February 24th, and the Board of managers are hereby directed to award said printing to the lowest and best bidder.

President Stocking announced the following standing Finance Committee, viz:

J. F. Kinney, C. Mathewson, Edward McIntyre, A. G. Hastings, and H. C. Addis.

On motion of Mr. Dunham the Secretary was instructed to advertise for bids or solicit bids for the printing and binding of the journal of proceeding of the State Board of Agriculture as ordered printed (2,000 copies), and that the Board of Managers make the award to the lowest and best bidder therefor,

On Motion the Board adjourned until 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

LINCOLN, NEB., January 27th, 1876, 8 O'CLOCK A. M.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. President M. Stocking in the chair. Present: James W. Moore, Treasurer, D. H. Wheeler, Secretary, and other officers and members as of yesterday,

On motion of Judge J. F. Kinney, the President appointed the following committee to prepare a Premium List, viz:

J. F. Kinney, C. H. Winslow, James W. Moore, H. C. Addis, and J. M. Woods. Secretary Wheeler was instructed to act as Secretary of the Premium List Committee.

The finance committee by its chairman, Judge Kinney, submitted the following report upon the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, viz:

Your committee to whom was referred the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, with accompanying accounts and vouchers, report that we have given them a careful examination with a view to ascertain the amount of money actually received by the Treasurer, from all sources, the actual amount paid out for all purposes, and we do find the accounts as rendered and the reports as made correct, we have also examined all the vouchers, although passed upon and allowed by the Board of Managers and compared the same with the items charged and find that the same agree. The report and accounts of the Secretary we find correct and that the orders for the disbursment of the money and the accounts made, to be correct and proper. We report the following summary amount of money on hand in the Treasury at the commencement of the State Fair, in September, 1875.

	$4321 88
Receipts from Fair,	3461 00
U. P. R. R. Coupons,	52 50
B. & M. R. R. Coupons,	129 50
Booth Rents	1034 00
Speed Entries	975 00
Stall Rents	133 00
Quarter Stretches	45 00
	$10,151 88

Contra disbursed:

For payment of Premiums, and in payment of all expenses connected with holding the Fair, including printing, &c.	$7,655 63
Bill unpaid but audited	119 30
	$7,774 93
Leaving balance in hands of Treasurer	2376 95
	$10,151 88

Your committee would further state that in the above statment they have charged the Treasurer with a note of $250 given for booth privileges, the payment of which seems somewhat doubtful. The

Treasurer also has in his hands silver plate belonging to the Association valued at $65, not embraced in the statement of his account.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. Kinney, A. G. Hastings, C. Mathewson, H. C. Addis, Edmund McIntyre.

E. G. Bailey, Professor of Chemistry, of the State University, submitted the following report of his analysis of Sugar Beets raised in this State and entered for competition at the State Fair, viz:

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA,
DEP'T OF PHYSICAL SCIENCE,
LINCOLN, Neb., Jan'y 26, 1876.

D. H. WHEELER, *Secretary State Board of Agriculture:*

SIR:—I have the honor of reporting to you the following "analysis of Sugar Beets." No. 1 gives the average of 12 beets analysed for Azro Smith, Rock Bluffs, Cass county, Neb.

No. 2, gives the average of ten beets belonging to Wm. Gilmore, Lincoln, Nebraska.

No. 1.		No. 2,	
Sugar	12.57.	Sugar	9.78.
Water	84.50.	Water	83 19
Cellulose	2.16.	Cellulose	5.94
Ash	.77.	Ash	1.09.
	100.00.		100.00.

Yours very Truly,

G. E. BAILEY,

Teacher of Chemistry, State University of Neb.

The Board accepted the report of Prof. Bailey, and directed the Secretary to pay Azro Smith the sum of $25 premium, on his one acre of Sugar Beets, there being no competition for the premium. The Board also directed the Secretary to pay William Gilmore the sum of $10 as a premium, there being no competion in this premium.

Prof S. R. Thompson from the Essay Committee submitted a majority report as follows.

LINCOLN, Neb., January 27th, 1876.

To the State Board of Agriculture.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee to which was referred the essays offered for Premiums, beg leave to submit the following report.

Six Essays in all were submitted, and from them the names were removed by the Secretary of the Board and numbers substituted, before they were seen by the committee. The only essay on Fencing offered though containing many good thoughts is not up to the requirements of the Board, and could not compete, the same is true of No. 3 on Wool Growing.

The remaining four essays seem to conform to the requirements of the Premium List. They all bear evidence of having been written with some haste and are somewhat defective in a literary point of view and will need revision before publication. As regards the two on Sugar Beets the one marked No. 5, is much more full and satisfactory on the advantages of growing beets for feeding stock.

The other treats more elaborately the growing of beets for sugar producing purposes. Both are somewhat deficient on the question of "cost of manufacturing," a point on which it is difficult to get reliable information, applicable to this country. In view of the peculiar character of these essays it is recommended that the premium be divided as follows: Sixty dollars be paid to the writer of essay No. 4, and forty dollars to the writer of essay No. 5.

In reference to the essays on wool-growing, we awarded the premium to essay No. 2, though essay No. 6 is a very valuable one, and in some points superior to its competitor.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. R. THOMPSON.
A. D. WILLIAMS.

On motion of Mr. Addis the Secretary of the Board was directed to attend all the meetings of the Board of Managers of the State of Agriculture and make and keep a record of their proceedings.

On motion of C. H. Winslow it was resolved to hold the next annual fair on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th, 1876.

On motion the Board amended Sec. 6 of the By-Laws, and fixed the salary of the Secretary at $1,000 per annum, which is to be in full pay of his services as Secretary.

On motion Section 7 of the By-Laws was amended, requiring the Treasurer to give a bond in the sum of not less than $10,000, and paying him a salary of $100 per annum.

Mr. Winslow offered the following resolution which was on motion adopted, viz:

Resolved, That one hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the funds of the State Board of Agriculture to pay J. W. Moore for his services as Treasurer for the year 1875.

J. M. Woods offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the next State Fair be held at Lincoln, the capital of the State, provided the citizens of Lincoln and Lancaster county will bind themselves within 30 days from this date, to put in proper condition the grounds, buildings, &c., heretofore erected upon said county Fair Grounds, and deliver possession of said grounds all complete, 30 days previous to the time designated by this Board for holding the State Fair of 1876, and in the event said city and county shall not, within the time named, notify the Board of Managers of their acceptance, with ample security for the fulfillment of the same, then said Fair shall be located at Omaha.

Judge Kinney offered the following as a substitute for James M. Wood's resolution, which, after some discussion, was adopted.

Resolved, That the next State Fair be held in the city of Lincoln, provided that the representative men of the city of Lincoln shall bind themselves in the sum of five thousand dollars, to the President of the State Board of Agriculture, that the Fair grounds adjoining the city, with the buildings, fences and track shall be put in perfect order for the holding of said fair, with sheds and stalls for all purposes needed, and that the citizens of Lincoln shall have until Friday morning, January 25th, next, to give said bonds, and provided that the grounds and buildings should be put in order by the 15th day of August, next, and if not then to the satisfaction of the Board of of Managers, the fair shall be held at Omaha.

John Evans and E. H. Clark, on behalf of the State Horticultural Society, presented the following communication:

LINCOLN, Nebraska, January 27, 1876.

To the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture:

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned committee appointed for the purpose by the Nebraska State Horticultural Society, hereby most re-

spectfully ask your body to provide for the payment of a reasonable premium list for horticultural display at the State Fair of 1876.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN EVANS.
E. H. CLARK.
Committee.

The request of the State Horticultural Society was granted and the subject matter referred to the Premium List committee with a request that they prepare a Premium List for Horticultural display.

On motion the Board rdjourned until 3 p. m.

LINCOLN, Neb., January 27, 1876—3 P. M.

President in the chair and called the Board to order, other officers and members as at adjournment.

Judge Kinney offered the following resolution which was on motion adopted.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture be and he is hereby instructed to open correspondence with the officers of the several railroad companies, whose roads lead to or are connected with the place of holding the annual fair of 1876, for the purpose of obtaining passes for the principal officers to attend the business meetings to be held between now and the State Fair. 2nd, to procure passes for the members of the Board to attend the State Fair. 3d, to obtain the most favorable terms possible for the transportation of stock, implements and passengers to said State Fair.

On motion the Board adjourned until this evening 8 p. m.

LINCOLN, Neb., January 27, 1876—8 P. M.

Board called to order by the President. Officers and members as at adjournment.

Mr. J. J. Imhoff, on behalf of the citizens of Lincoln, presented th w ing bond of the citizens, viz:

Know all men by these presents that, we, J. K. Honneywell, J. J.

Imhoff, J. S. McConnell, J. R. Fairbanks, Sheldon & Son, W. J. Turner, Jones & Smith, D. May, Julian J. Deck, W. H. Crabb, Ballard & Bros., D. N. Hodskin, J. A. Fedewa, Henry Heppner, Henry Veith, James Schmidt, W. J. Turner, John M. Thompson, A. J. Odenwelder, F. Mohlenberg, Geo. Weber, Geo. Bostatee, C. Ring, H. Hallo, W. E. G. Caldwell, G. Ensign, Otto Funk, Geo. Mohrenstacker, W. J. Hyatt, Freed Holz and Henry C. Babcock, are held and firmly bound unto Moses Stocking, President of the State Board of Agriculture for the State of Nebraska, in the sum of five thousand dollars, ($5,000) conditioned as follows, to-wit:

That the buildings, sheds, fences, and track adjoining Lincoln, known as the Fair Grounds, shall on or before the 15th day of August next be put in complete order for the holding the next State Fair.

JANUARY 27, 1876.

[SIGNED] D. May, Julian J. Deck, W. Crabb, J. K. Honneywell, J. J. Imhoff, A. J. Odenwelder, Ballard Bros., R. N. Hodskin, J. R. Fairbank, F. Mohlenberg, Geo. Weber, Geo. Bostatee, Ledwith & Menlove, C. Ring, J. A. Fedewa, H. Hallo, Henry Hepner, W. E. G. Caldwell, Henry Veith, G. Ensign, James Schmidt, Otto Funk, W. J. Turner, Geo. Mohrenstaker, John M. Thompson, V. J. Hyatt, J. L. McConnell, Fried Holz, P. S. Shelden & Sons, and Henry C. Babcock.

Which said bond was received and approved and endorsed as follows:

Filed January 27, 1876.

APPROVED: MOSES STOCKING, President,
State Board of Agriculture.

Mr. Woods moved that the Board now proceed to the election of Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent of Gates, Superintendent of Tickets and Superintendent of Police.

Mr. Kinney moved to amend by referring the matter of the appointment of officers named to the Board of Managers, with instructions and authority to select them.

After some discussion the resulution was adopted as amended by Judge Kinney.

Mr. Winslow moved that the President and Secretary be appointed a committee of two to prepare and forward (duly attested) resolutions of the respect and regard of this Board for Hon. J. Sterling Morton, the late president of the State Board of Agriculture.

No further business appearing the Board adjourned.

ATTEST. D. H. WHEELER, Secretary.

SYNOPSIS OF AN ADDRESS

DELIVERED BEFORE THE NEBRASKA STATE HORTICUTURAL SOCIETY AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING, JANUARY 27, 1876,

BY JAMES T. ALLAN, PRESIDENT.

Gentlemen of the Horticultural Society:

A year ago I said the meetings of this Society seem to be appointed at opportune seasons. In the autumn when the golden fruit has been gathered in, and all nature decked in the gorgeous colors displayed in our forests is preparing for winter's repose, this may truly be called a time of thankfulness.

And to-night, looking at the past year and our success, we may indeed be thankful, and look forward hopefully and encouraged to the work of another year which has dawned upon us so auspiciously.

It is pleasant to those who have been for years working in this cause to see the increase of strong and earnest workers, and to note that from year to year the Horticultural interests of Nebraska are advancing rapidly. Orcharding, forest-planting, and floriculture, all which tend to make our home surroundings pleasant, have largely increased. Our successful exhibitions, both at home and abroad, have stimulated the large planting of orchards. Washington county alone has bought 150,000 apple trees the past fall. It is the duty of this society to urge the more extensive cultivation of apples. When we consider the product of two acres belonging to a member of this So-

ciety, has during the past four years, been $1,000, we can easily determine the value of such a crop over growing cereals. One hundred car loads of apples at least have been brought into Omaha during the fall. All of which should have been grown in Nebraska. Besides, we have a great market, which is now supplied from the east, and I refer to the mountain regions west of us, and the increasing mining population must always look abroad for fruit. Nebraska is the nearest State where a supply can be had for all the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains. While I am speaking of apples as the great staple, I would most earnestly advocate the growing of small fruit.

In regard to the amount of forest planted the past year I regret to say that although I have sent out requests for statistics, I get but little return. One farmer in Franklin county planted 32,000 on arbor day. I trust that full returns will be sent from every section of the State, which will show a large increase over the twelve millions of 1874. At the organization of the American Forestry Association at Chicago last September, Nebraska claimed to be the foremost State in tree planting, and we must not fail to give a full report for in the general report at the next meeting of that society in Philadelphia next September.

I take pleasure in presenting the Wilder medal awarded at Chicago for our Exhibition of apples, and from a grasshoppered State it was a surprise to our eastern friends, and I must say even to your committee. This is the fourth silver medal now in possession of our society, and certainly a sense of just pride to our young State. I regret that the want of State aid will prevent the display of our fruits at the Centennial, as the prospect of a general crop would give a fine collection.

At the close of my term of office I am pleased that many new and active fruit men have become members of the society, and I have to acknowledge continued assistance and courtesy, which should ever exist among Horticulturalists.

[NOTE.—Through an oversight of the printers the following was mislaid and should appear on page 39, before the meeting of January 26, 1876.]

OMAHA, Nebraska, September 23, 1875.

Pursuant to call of the President, the State Board of Agriculture convened at the Grand Central Hotel at 8 p. m.

Present and presiding:
Hon. J. Sterling Morton, President.
There were also present the following officers:
D. H. Wheeler, Plattsmouth, Secretary.
M. Dunham, 1st Vice President.
C. H. Walker, 2d Vice President.
J. W. Moore, Treasurer.
And the following members:
E. N. Grenell, Ft. Calhoun.
H. C. Addis, Omaha.
C. H. Winslow, Mt. Pleasant.
J. M. Woods, Syracuse.
J. Vallery, Sr., Plattsmouth.
Gen. J. S. Brisbin, Omaha Barracks.
Hon. R. W. Furnas, Brownville.
C. Mathewson, Norfolk.
Moses Stocking, Wahoo.
Horace Allen, Clarksville.
J. T. Allan, Omaha.
J. F. Kinney, Nebraska City.

A quorum being present, the secretary announced that Mr. Kneebs was present to make a formal protest against Mr. McGuigan, Jr., the driver of Lothair, in the 2.45 trotting match on September 23d. Mr. Kneebs being present, was called upon by the president, when he made the following statement:

"Myself and three other drivers, including Wm. McGuigan, Jr., driver of Lothair, entered into an agreement to allow the horse "Black Ranger" to win the race and had bought pools accordingly, and were in debt to the pool box $89.00, and that McGuigan,

Jr., instead of holding Lothair, as per agreement between them, had let him win the race.

After some discussion the Board decided to retain the said sum of $89.00 out of the monies due Mr. Kneebs and yet in the hands of the treasury.

The question was then asked as follows: Which is best, a horse that has been placed third in a race three times, and fourth in the same race once, or is a horse that has been placed fifth in a race three times and second once, after some discussion, and it appearing that it was necessary to decide the question, to enable the judges to award third money in the 2.50 race. Thereupon it was moved by Judge Kinney, seconded by Col. Litchfield, that the 5–5–5–2 horse was entitled to third money of said race, which motion was adopted.

Judge Kinney then offered the following:

"WHEREAS, Realizing as the Board does, the eminent qualifications and long experience of Col. Bruce, editor of the "Turf, Field and Farm," and the high authority of what is known as "Bruce's Turf Register," and the fitness of Col. Bruce to decide all questions that may arise before this Board, on the subject of pedigree and especially all those intricate questions pertaining to the turf, therefore,

Resolved, That hereafter on all questions that may arise on these various subjects, which this Board is unable to decide, that such questions be at once referred by the secretary to Col. Bruce, of the "Turf, Field and Farm," for decision and that when such questions are decided by him, that such decisions shall be final and taken as the decision of the Board.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

On motion, the action of the State Board of Agriculture at its meeting in January, 1875, whereby they agreed to pay the premiums of the Horticultural Society, was ratified and the secretary was instructed to draw orders on the treasurer for the premiums awarded.

Mr. Dunham moved that a committee of five be appointed by the president to wait on Governor Garber to ask that he in his call for a special session (if one should be called,) of the Legislature, insert a clause asking for an appropriation for the proper representation of the State of Nebraska at the coming Centennnial exposition, and that said

committee be further instructed to wait on the Legisture as advocates of the measure. Resolution adopted.

President appointed the following committee as provided for in said resolution:

C. Mathewson, R. W. Furnas, M. Stocking, J. W. Moore and Gov. S. Garber.

On motion it was unanimously resolved that the "President of the United States, be requested to remove Mr. H. S. Moody, the Centennial commissioner for Nebraska and appoint some other and more suitable man in his place, and that the secretary be instructed to officially inform Hon. J. S. Campbell, the secretary of the Centennial Board of the adoption of this resolution by this Board.

Mr. Winslow offered the following resolutions:

1*st Resolved*, That the secretary be and is hereby directed to advertise for proposals from cities, counties, and associations for holding the next State Fair, such proposals to be handed into the secretary at or before the January meeting of the Board.

2*d Resolved*, That it is the wish of the State Board that the president have published a paper he has prepared on transportation.

On motion said resolutions were adopted.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that Mr. Emory be allowed 2½ per cent of the 5 per cent due the Board on the sale of cattle made by Mr. Emory as auctioneer, on the Fair Grounds during the fair.

It was moved, seconded and adopted, that the call for sale of thoroughbred horses, be made at 12 o'clock noon on Friday, September 24th.

It was moved, seconded and adopted, that the general superintendent be and he is hereby authorized to employ whatever assistance he may think necessary to patrol the quarter stretch and track during the continuance of the races, and J. M. Woods and Richard Kimball are hereby appointed assistants for that purpose.

It was moved, seconded and adopted, that the price of admission to the quarter stretch be fixed at at 25 cents each person, and 25 cents for each carriage.

On motion adjourned to meet at 8 p. m. to-morrow evening:

OMAHA, NEBRASKA, Friday Evening,
SEPTEMBER, 24, 1876—8 P. M.

The Board was called to order by the President, with officers and members present as of last evening, with the addition of

N. S. Belden, North Bend.
J. H. Mickay, Osceola.
Gov. S. Garber, Lincoln.
G. C. Barton, North Platte.
Wm. Latta, Tekama.
G. C. Potwin, Papillion.

There being a quorum present the Board proceeded to business.

Mr. Winslow stated that one Mrs. S. B. Parks, had on exhibition 160 pounds of butter, and that it was the only entry competing for the $50 premium, and that under the rules no premium could be awarded her.

Mr. Winslow thereupon moved that a special premium of $25.00 be awarded her, which motion prevailed, and the secretary was instructed to draw an order on the treasurer in her favor for that amount less the usual rebate.

On motion of Gov. Furnas, Judge J. F. Kinney was elected a member of the Board to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Geo. P. Eaton from the State.

The secretary then read the following protest:

OMAHA, Neb., September 22, 1875.

To the Honorable State Board and Judges of the 2:50 Race trotted under your rules and the rules of the American Trotting Association:

We, the undersigned, who entered our horses in said race in good faith and hereby enter our protest against "Billy Mack" receiving second money or any other premium in said race, and claim that second money belongs to and should be paid to E. L. Sidner and Thomas Grey, for the following reasons:

1st. That said "Billy Mack" trotted in the name of Billy Wood in 1873, at Monmouth, Illinois.

2d. That said Billy Mack trotted at Osage, Iowa, this year, 1875, as Billy Woods, and is therefore ineligible in a 2:50 race or any other, and hope you will give this matter consideration and will hold the money until after we have a fair and candid hearing.

Yours Respectfully,

THOMAS GRAY.
E. L. SIDNER.

On motion Messrs. Gray and Sidner were given thirty days to make good with proof the charges contained in the above and foregoing protests.

Dr. J. K. Ish having on yesterday filed a protest against allowing "Lothair" to trot in the 2:34 race on yesterday, subsequently directed the secretary to enter the same withdrawn.

On motion Dr. Ish was permitted to withdraw his said protest.

Mr. Dunham stated that Mrs. Nellie Burke had made an entry in the lady equestrian class, and had presented herself at the time the class and lot had been called, and given an exhibition of her equestrian skill, but there being no competition the committee under the rules could not award her a premium.

On motion a special premium of ($15) fifteen dollars was awarded to her, and the secretary was directed to draw an order for her on the treasurer for that amount less the usual rebate.

Judge Kinney asked a reconsideration of Mr. Winslow's resolution passed last evening, concerning location of next State Fair.

Thereupon Mr. Dunham, having voted in the affirmative upon the passage of the resolution, moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed by a vote of 11 for to 3 against.

Thereupon Judge Kinney very briefly examined the question and doubted the policy of adopting such a resolution.

Mr. Winslow replied to the remarks made by Judge Kinney, and again moved the adoption of the resolution which motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

The question having been asked when was the proper time for the election of officers of the Board, and reference being had to section 8, chapter 2, page 77, statutes of 1873, it was decided that officers and

members of the Board could be elected lawfully only at the January or annual meeting.

Mr. Wilkerson, the pool seller, being present, stated that a man by the name of Burgett, a buyer of pools, had absconded, owing the pool box, for pools purchased, the sum of $80.

The following statement from R. T. Kneebs, was then read:

Robert T. Kneebs, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on the twenty-third day of September, 1875, at Omaha, in the State of Nebraska, he did advance to one Hodges *alias* "Doc" the sum of seventy dollars ($70) for the purpose of betting the said sum of seventy dollars for the benefit of and behalf of him, the said Robert T. Kneebs, on the two minute and thirty-five seconds race (2:35) which said race occurred at the Omaha Driving Park, in said State on the said 23d day of September, 1875.

That said "Hodgs *alias* "Doc" in no manner and in no way whatsoever, beyond the amount so deposited with him by said affiant, to bet for or make liable this affiant for any sum or sums whatsoever, and if the said Hodges *alias* "Doc" did so exceed the limit aforesaid, to wit: $70, he did so on his own responsibility and at his own peril. R. T. KNEEBS.

Subscribe l to in my presence and before me this 24th day of September, 1875.

PARK GOODWIN, Notary Public,
[L. S.] In and for Douglas County, Nebraska.

Judge Kinney then offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the State Board of Agriculture will not hereafter allow any pool selling on any race or races, at the State Fairs under its auspices, nor will it participate in any of the gains or per cent. arising from any selling of pools on races, and it is the opinion of this Board that pool seeling on races is demoralizing and should be discountenanced.

Gen. Brisbin moved that the treasurer be instructed to pay to the pool seller the above named amount of $80. Carried.

On motion 2½ per cent charged Mr. Emory on sale of cattle on Fair Grounds during Fair was remitted.

Mr. Dunham offered the following resolution, which was on motion, adopted:

WHEREAS, It has come to the knowledge of the State Board of Agriculture by affidavit of C. A. Hodges, that a fraudulent combination was entered into by B. C. Holly, owner of chestnut gelding "Little Sam," J. S. McKeller, owner of brown gelding "Lothair," and R. T. Kneebs, owner of "Black Ranger," entered by them respectively, in the 2:35 trot at Omaha, September 23, 1875, said combination to the effect, that the pools and the purses in said race should be equally divided among them, and the said Hodges should have an equal share in said pools with said Kneebs, and pools to the amount of $89 in said race so bought by Hodges remain unpaid, therefore,

Resolved, That we regard all such combinations between owners of horses to divide purses and pools, as well as an arrangement between owners of competing horses, (that any particular horse in a race should win), as disgraceful and fraudulent.

Resolved, That the amount of money claimed as awarded by the judges of said race before the facts came to our knowledge, shall be retained by the treasurer of this Board until the facts before the Board establishing such fraudulent combination be wholly disproved by competent testimony.

Mr. H. H. Robinson, of Polk county, Iowa Fair, then thanked the Board for courtesies shown himself and other representatives of the Central Iowa District Fair and the State Board of Agriculture of Iowa during their visit here, and on behalf of the managers of the State Fair of Iowa, he extended an invitation to the officers and members of this board, and the citizens of Nebraska generally, to attend the Iowa State Fair at Keokuk.

Mr. Dunham then moved that the sum of $89 due from R. C. Hodges, for pools, be paid by the treasurer, which motion prevailed.

Gen. J. S. Brisbin tendered his resignation as a member of the Board and on motion Hon. Adam Rankin, of Cozad, Dawson county, was elected to fill the vacancy in the Board caused by the resignation of Gen. Brisbin.

On motion the Board adjourned at 11:25 p. m., subject to call of the president.

Attest: Signed.

D. H. WHEELER, Secretary. M. DUNHAM, V. P.